



ROUND MOUNTAIN

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDELINES

*If you have any concerns that your fire is out of control,
call 911 immediately.*

✓ **Never burn during a burn ban**

Check current burn ban status here: <http://www.co.blanco.tx.us/>

✓ **Call before you burn (830) 868-7104**

Save us a trip! We often get called out to investigate smoke or fires unnecessarily. If you call the sheriff ahead of time and report your burn, the dispatchers will have that information before they send us out to investigate.

✓ **Only burn while the sun is up**

Overnight burning is harder to watch and is alarming to neighbors and motorists.

✓ **Check the weather**

Humidity, fuel moisture, wind and temperature can all change rapidly. Ideal conditions include a light wind to send the smoke away from neighbors and roadways and recent moisture to lessen the chance of fire spread.

✓ **Supervise your fire**

Make sure someone equipped with a phone, water, and shovels or other tools is able to stay with the fire and monitor its progress.

✓ **Create a perimeter**

Scrape the area around your burn pile down to bare dirt. The larger your burn, the larger your perimeter needs to be, but even a small burn needs a 2 ft perimeter minimum.

✓ Burn safe material

Do NOT put these items in your fire:

- *Electrical insulation*
- *Treated lumber*
- *Plastic*
- *Construction debris*
- *Demolition material not made of wood*
- *Heavy oil*
- *Asphalt material*
- *Anything that is potential explosive*
- *Chemical waste*
- *Anything containing natural or synthetic rubber*

✓ How big of a fire can you have?

It depends on your equipment – with shovels and water, keep your fire 10-12 ft in diameter. With heavy equipment you can go up to 15-20 ft in diameter, but you should scrape a perimeter at least 2 blades wide. Rather than starting with a large fire, start with a reasonable size and add material throughout the day.

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✓ Still not sure?

Call RMVFD ahead of time and ask for a pre-burn safety inspection. We will be happy to schedule a time to visit your site and discuss your burn.

