

**TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #6 – HUDSON BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS**

**(Reference: 2003 International Fire Code and Revised Outdoor Burning Rule 30 TAC Sect. 111)**

1. Outdoor burning is prohibited inside the City of Lakeway and Village of the Hills. The Village of Bee Cave requires prior approval from TCESD #6/HBFD.
2. Prior to any burning, review the following burn regulations and then contact Travis County ESD #6 Dispatch Office at **373-1210** to request permission to burn. They will ask for your permit number.
3. Open burning will not be permitted when wind speed is or predicted to be less than six miles per hour (mph) or greater than 15 mph during the burn period.
4. Open burning is not permitted earlier than one hour after sunrise and the fire must be extinguished no later than one hour prior to sunset.
5. Open burning must be constantly attended.
6. A means of extinguishment such as a garden hose, dirt, sand, or water barrel shall be immediately available.
7. If the fire spreads beyond the limits of the open burn, immediately call 9-1-1 to report a fire.
8. Open burning larger than recreational fires as noted in item 11 below are required to be not less than **50** feet from any structure or combustible material (this includes grass, trees and brush).
9. In addition, the open burning must also be **300** feet downwind from any **neighboring** structure such as a residence, business, barn or greenhouse. This requirement may be waived only with the prior written approval of whoever owns or rents the adjacent property and either resides or conducts business there.
10. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. If the open burning creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation the code official (Fire Chief or Fire Marshal) is authorized to order the extinguishment by the person in charge or by fire department personnel.
11. Burning (**recreational fires**) when used solely for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes are permitted provided the following guidelines are followed:
  - A. No rubbish permitted
  - B. A clear space of **25** feet from structures and combustible materials
  - C. Maximum diameter of 3 feet and height of 2 feet
12. Authorized is on-site burning of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth, by the owner of the property or any other person authorized by the owner, **and when the material is generated only from that property.**
13. Burning of domestic waste – in other words, household trash or rubbish – may be permitted when local trash collection service is not available. To qualify for this provision, the property must be a private residence for no more than three families. The waste must also be burned on the property where it was produced. If burned in an approved container (such as a 55 gallon drum) a minimum distance of **25** feet from any structure shall be maintained.
14. The following items are **not permitted** to be burned: electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, construction or demolition materials not made of wood, heavy oils, asphaltic materials such as shingles and roofing felts, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, wire, or items containing natural or synthetic rubber.
15. Commercial land clearing operations that involve open burning operations must be performed on the site where the materials are obtained. In most cases a trench burner will be required. This in turn will require approval from TCEQ. Call the fire department office at 266-2533 prior to commencing operations.