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County Issues Burn Ban

BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY (September 28, 2010) – Boone County has joined Campbell and Kenton Counties in ordering burn bans effective immediately. Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore has signed an Executive Order prohibiting most outdoor burning in the county. Judge/Executive Moore cited the extremely dry conditions as a contributing factor which has created increased fire danger. Mark Ihrig, Director of Boone County Emergency Management explained that the burn ban was recommended following consultation with the Boone County Fire Chiefs Association.

Under the Executive Order open burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Boone County until the Judge/Executive determines that conditions have improved and the extreme fire danger is no longer present. All open burning is prohibited with the following narrow exceptions: Fires lit in a grill for the purpose of food preparation. Bonfires or ceremonial campfires of no more than five feet by five feet in size may be conducted by organized and recognized community, charitable or religious groups provided the local fire department is notified. Such a fire shall be set in an area at least 50 feet from any adjacent structure or wooded area. The fire shall consist of clean wood only and shall not be used for disposal of solid waste. The fire shall be monitored at all times by members of the group with means of extinguishment such as a charged garden hose or buckets of water readily available until the fire is completely extinguished. Failing to comply with the burn ban could result in a \$500.00 fine.

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