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Due to recent rainfall and improved weather conditions, Orange County Judge John Gothia has officially lifted the burn ban at 2pm today previously in effect for Orange County. While outdoor burning is once again permitted, residents are reminded to exercise caution and follow all applicable safety guidelines when conducting outdoor burns.

Residents are reminded to:

- **Always attend any outdoor fire** and remain with it until it is completely extinguished.
- **Avoid burning on windy days**, as wind can quickly cause a fire to spread beyond the intended area.
- **Keep water, tools, or a hose nearby** and readily available in case of an emergency.

Orange County officials will continue to closely monitor weather conditions and the potential for increased fire danger. Should conditions deteriorate and fire danger increase, burning restrictions may be reinstated. Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and practice responsible fire safety at all times.

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ORDER RESCINDING THE RESTRICTION ON OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County Judge did, on August 27, 2026 adopt an Order restricting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Orange County, pursuant to Sec. 352.081, Texas Local Government Code, providing a Class C misdemeanor penalty; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that the circumstances described in the Local Government Code Sec. 352.081 no longer exist as sufficient precipitation has fallen throughout Orange County and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, on the 2nd day of September, 2026, I HEREBY LIFT THE COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN.

Although I do not encourage burning unless it is essential, I continue to caution all citizens of Orange County to exercise great caution with outdoor burning and to assume responsibility to contact your local fire department and have safeguards in place before attempting any burning. Any citizen who chooses to conduct a burn is liable for all damages caused as a result of that burn

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