



**PRESS RELEASE FROM JUDGE JOHN FIRTH
CORYELL COUNTY**

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**TEMPORARY LIFTING OF BURN BAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CORYELL COUNTY
EFFECTIVE MARCH 12, 2009 THROUGH 6:00 P.M. ON MARCH 15, 2009**

GATESVILLE, TEXAS – Given the rains over the past two days, the burn ban for unincorporated areas of Coryell County is temporarily lifted until 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 15th, 2009.

Although a State proclamation of extreme fire hazard remains in effect for much of Texas, the rain received in Coryell County along with a weather forecast through the weekend of relatively low winds will give property owners a much needed opportunity to conduct controlled burns in a relatively safe environment.

Citizens are reminded that all outdoor burning is required to comply with the State Outdoor Burning Rule, Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, sections 111.201 through 111.221 and the Texas Commission Environmental Quality guidance, RG-049 dated February 2005.

Citizens are especially encouraged to carefully monitor controlled burns and to limit active burn hours to the daylight hours of one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset as stated in TCEQ rules and to contact the Sheriff's Office before conducting controlled burns.

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