

Brush Pile Burning Guidelines

The following criteria should be used in order to gain approval to burn a brush pile at 7-R Ranch. None of this pertains to the use of approved outdoor recreational barbecues, fire pits or fireplaces. These guidelines specifically relate to burning of natural wood waste from trees, vines and brush. The single greatest threat of a catastrophic level wildfire at 7-R Ranch is from one started from within the Ranch. Together we can work to significantly reduce this threat. These guidelines are designed to minimize the risk associated with burning brush piles to the surrounding wild land and homes.

The first check will be to check the burn ban status for Palo Pinto County. At times when Palo Pinto County is under a burn ban there will be absolutely no burning of brush at 7-R Ranch. Further, 7-R Ranch management reserves the right to issue a community wide burn ban which, if in place, would be noted in the weekly e-mail newsletter sent to all owners.

Presuming neither the county nor the community is under a burn ban the following procedure will need to take place in order to gain final approval for burning a brush pile at 7-R Ranch.

Maximum brush pile size is 10' in diameter and 6' high.

Clear all flammable material within 25' of the outer edge of the pile (or a distance 2.5 times the diameter of the pile for smaller piles). This includes overhanging branches from nearby trees.

Absolutely no waste debris such as plastics, plywood, styrofoam, household trash or any other type of garbage will be allowed to be burned.

You will contact a fire department representative (see included list) from Lake Palo Pinto VFD to coordinate inspection of the site and wood waste to be burned in order to verify the size of the piles, the cleared space meets guidelines, and the materials are exclusively natural wood waste from trees, vines and brush. The representative from the list attached will also give any feedback and/or qualifications to you at that time regarding the proposed brush pile burn.

Property owner must have a water hose or other water supply on site and must provide at least one adult with a shovel and dressed appropriately to work the fire that will be in attendance during the burning of the brush. This individual must remain in attendance throughout the entire burn and remain in attendance until the fire is dead out.

Coordination shall be made to ensure a representative from Lake Palo Pinto VFD will be in attendance with a LPPVFD wildland fire truck during the course of the burn. No fee will be required for this service however 7-R Management does recommend making a voluntary donation to the LPPVFD in an amount of your own determination in support of the department.

If all the preceding conditions are met and no overriding burn ban is in place the LPPVFD will make a final determination as to whether burning of the proposed brush pile is suitable and acceptable. They will work with you to determine the date the burn will take place. The LPPVFD representative will notify the 7-R administrative office of the date and time of the burn.

The LPPVFD has the authority to make a final decision to decline the proposed brush pile for any reason including but not limited to, amount of waste to be burned, wind conditions, terrain, season of the year, proximity of the burn pile to structures and other vegetation, or any other criteria as the fire department may be inclined to enact for the safety of the community. In some cases the LPPVFD may determine that burning is not a suitable solution under any circumstances, resulting in a need to haul off the brush to another location or have the materials mulched by heavy equipment. Should the National Weather Service or the Texas Department of Forestry have fire weather watches, warnings or red flag warnings in place, even previously approved burn piles and dates be postponed until a more suitable time and date.

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The Palo Pinto County sheriff's office, the LPPVFD Fire chief, and the LPPVFD Operations officer and 7-R Ranch Office must also be notified prior to any burn.

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