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## County Lifts Outdoor Burning Ban

**Troup County, Ga. October 17, 2019** – Troup County is officially lifting the outdoor burning ban due to the recent increased amount of rainfall, effective Friday, October 18, 2019.

While it is customary for the “burn ban” to be lifted on the first day of October, the County made the decision earlier this month to extend the burning ban until drought conditions improved in order to secure the safety of all citizens in the community. Due to the increased amount of rainfall this week, drought conditions have improved, thus allowing the county to officially lift the burning ban on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The county would like to remind the public that all outdoor burning must have a permit issued by the Georgia Forestry Commission and is good only for burning natural vegetative materials. It is unlawful to burn man made materials, such as tires, shingles, plastics, lumber, household garbage, etc. Additionally, burning must be attended by an adult who must be watching the fire at all times; never leave a fire unattended. The fire must be a minimum of 50 feet away from any structure, vehicle, or fixed flammable object. It shall also be at least 25 feet away from the adjacent property line. All fires must be extinguished thoroughly when no longer in attended use or one hour before dark; therefore, a garden hose, water supply, or extinguisher must be readily available at the site of the fire.

It is also important to note that citizens are responsible for their fire(s) and its smoke. Even if all guidelines for burning are followed, there may be a requirement to extinguish the fire if it adversely interferes with another person’s enjoyment of life, use of property, or if someone with a health problem is affected.

The Troup County Fire Department follows guidance provided by the Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the National Weather Service.

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