**Burn Ban Criteria and Determination**

Burn bans are determined daily by 8 AM using the Rangeland Fire Index and Fire Weather Forecast of the National Weather Service – Kansas City, MO.

A county burn ban is issued when any of the following criteria are met:

* Red Flag Warnings.
* Rangeland Fire Index of Very High or Extreme.
* Rangeland Fire Index of High with a forecast of wind gusts greater than 15 mph.
* Rangeland Fire Index of Low or Moderate and a forecast of wind gusts greater than 20 mph.

Open burning may also be prohibited when a threat to the area exists or due to any other variables that could affect open burning. These variables include, but are not limited to:

* Local jurisdictional authority
* Resource limitations
* Local dry conditions

**County burn ban information is available by:**

* Contacting the Sheriff’s Dispatch at 785-985-3711
* Signing up for the County’s Public Service Messaging Service (Textcaster), a free service offered by Doniphan County.
* Checking the Doniphan County website – www.dpcountyks.com.

Doniphan County Resolution No. 2015-03 requires before any open burning is conducted the individual must do the following:

* Notify the Sheriff’s Dispatch at 785-985-3711.
* Provide the location of the intended burn, including the nearest crossroads.
* Notify the Sheriff’s Dispatch informing them the fire has been extinguished.

For further information, please contact the Doniphan County Emergency Management Office at 785-985-2229.