



## CAPE CORAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mayor Sawicki and Council Members

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SUBJECT: Temporary Burn Ban in Effect until Further Notice

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Effective today, the City of Cape Coral is issuing a temporary Burn Ban with the intent to limit fire hazards within the City during this period of extreme drought conditions. This temporary Burn Ban is being implemented by the City Manager in response to Florida Governor Rick Scott's Declaration of a State of Emergency for Wildfires issued April 11, 2017.

It is unlawful for any person to set fire to or cause fire to be set to any forest, grassland, wildland, marsh, vegetation, or land in urban or rural areas, including agriculture, silviculture, and pile burning. It is also unlawful to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn yard trash, household garbage, refuse, or other debris within the Cape Coral City limits.

Burns that are authorized by the Florida Forest Service, to include agriculture, silviculture, and pile burning, are exempt from the temporary Burn Ban provided authorization for said burns has been obtained from the Florida Forest Service.

This temporary Burn Ban does not prohibit residential outdoor cooking, provided it is done on a suitable piece of equipment designed to contain the fire, flames, and heat generated thereby. Furthermore, outdoor cooking may also be done in any public or private place with facilities designated for outdoor cooking which would contain the fire, flames, and heat generated thereby.

The provisions of this temporary Burn Ban shall be enforced as required until the City Manager or his designee declares a drought emergency no longer exists.

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