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### **Campbell County Lifts Burn Ban Following Recent Rainfall**

NEWPORT, KY, October 2, 2024— Effective today, Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Pendery has officially rescinded the county-wide burn ban that was implemented on Sept. 16, 2024. This decision follows recent periods of prolonged rainfall that have significantly reduced fire hazards in the area.

"The rainfall we've experienced has improved conditions enough for us to lift the ban safely," said Judge/Executive Pendery. "I appreciate everyone's cooperation during the burn ban. Our primary concern is always the safety of our residents and their property, and we acted out of caution when the dry weather posed a significant risk."

The decision to lift the burn ban was made after consultation with the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management and local fire chiefs, all of whom agreed that the fire risk has decreased substantially.

#### **What You Should Know:**

- **Forest Fire Hazard Seasons:** During forest fire hazard seasons in Kentucky, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season: Oct. 1 – Dec. 15
  - Spring Forest Fire Hazard Season: Feb. 15 – April 30
- **Stay Cautious:** While the burn ban has been lifted, residents are still urged to use caution when burning outdoors, especially during dry or windy conditions.
- **Residents are still required to obtain a burn permit from their local fire department before conducting any outdoor burning.**
- **Report Concerns:** If you notice any unsafe burning practices, you are encouraged to report them to local authorities.

The Campbell County Fiscal Court and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates if necessary.

For more information and ongoing updates, visit the [Campbell County OEM Facebook page](#).

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