

**Shelby County Fire Department  
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**\*\*\*\*\* NOTIFICATION \*\*\*\*\***

Date: June 27, 2012

Effective immediately the Shelby County Fire Department has issued a burn ban for all areas in un-incorporated Shelby County and Lakeland who receive emergency responses from the Shelby County Fire Department. Due to the declining moisture conditions throughout the Mid-South, the surface burning of combustible material has become too unsafe and poses too high a risk. This ban includes the burning of any material in barrels, residential back yard fire pits in addition to agricultural and construction / air curtain pit burning.

The Shelby County Fire Department also issues the reminder that ALL surface burning throughout un-incorporated Shelby County is against the law unless an approved burn permit is issued through this agency. Again all burning in un-incorporated Shelby County and Lakeland – even permits that had been previously issued – is immediately suspended for the duration of these low moisture conditions.

If grass or wild fires are seen, residents are encouraged to remember that when calling 9-1-1, know exactly where you are and where the fire is. A quick call to our dispatchers means that fire fighters will have a much better chance of controlling the fire and knocking it down. Wild and grassland fires have a tendency to spread at alarming rates. Things such as hot vehicle brakes, broken glass bottles and thrown cigarette stubs are only a few of the things that can start a grass or wild land fire. All residents are urged to exercise extreme caution during this dangerous time.

The Shelby County Fire Department will issue a notification when the burn ban is lifted.

For fire and medical emergencies – never hesitate to dial 9-1-1.

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