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### Open Burning In Seward County Takes A Permit

Open burning is not allowed in Seward County unless a burn permit has been issued by the Fire Department. Proposed open burning of any kind must be approved in advance by calling the appropriate Fire Department. In Kismet and rural Seward County call Seward County Fire Department, 620-626-3267 or 620-629-7646 or 620-629-5410. In the City of Liberal call Liberal Fire Department, 626-0128 for information or a permit. Permits may be denied due to weather or other circumstances. Residents of Seward County should be aware that extremely hazardous fire conditions exist in Seward County and in the surrounding area. Even a small spark can rapidly become a dangerous wildfire, threatening life and property. Seward County strongly encourages everyone to be especially cautious with any item that can create heat or sparks. These dry conditions may be relieved temporarily by rain, however we should expect dangerous fire conditions to persist until substantial rain has fallen in our area, due to the present lack of subsoil moisture and low humidity/windy /hot weather pattern in place. Be careful at any time you are using fire. (welding, cutting, grinding) Be aware that vehicle exhaust systems may easily ignite grass or weeds. Sparks from items such as chains dragging from trailers may start fires. The present situation is very critical and we ask that everyone take extra care to prevent wildfires. Report any unsafe activities that you observe.

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