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Fire Marshal Offers Protective Measure from Wild-Land Fires

Baton Rouge LA, State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning Jr., Reminds all citizens, that Louisiana is still under a cease and desist order from outdoor burning. This Burn Ban is necessary because wooded areas and plant vegetation are still dry and exhibits flammable like conditions.

Louisiana people are encouraged to continue to comply with the order to not burn trash, grass and limbs until further notice. In addition, many fires are occurring and threaten residential and commercial structures. The following measure should be considered to limit the threat of your home being damaged by an uncontrolled wild-land fire.

- Ensure your home has non-combustible shingles (asphalt)
- Keep your roof clean of limbs, straw or leaves
- Keep a 30 foot clearance around your home that is clear of any trees, shrubs, high grass or fire wood.
- Keep trees and other vegetation watered and moist.
- Finally report any outdoor fire before it gets out of control to your local fire department.

"I am very proud and thankful of the wonderful work of the Dept of Agriculture and Forestry as well as the local fire departments; they are working day and night to protect our lands and the property of others, Please take the time to prepare and help prevent any more losses to these terrible fires", Stated Fire Marshal Browning.

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