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## **Caddo Parish Excluded From Burn Ban**

### **Burn Ban Issued for Parts of Louisiana**

Due to the extremely dry conditions within the state, State Fire Marshal, H. Butch Browning and, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner, Mike Strain have issued a cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to authority under R.S. 40:1563. Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government. This order is effective as of 2:00pm, November 5, 2016 and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

This burn ban order **DOES NOT** include the following parishes: Bossier, Iberville, St. Landry, St. Mary.

This ban shall not apply to prescribed burns by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, by those trained and certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or by those who conduct prescribed burning as a "generally accepted agriculture practice" as defined by the Louisiana Right to Farm Law (R.S. 3:3601 et seq.).

Violation of this Fire Marshal order could result in criminal and/or civil penalties.

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