



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS  
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

**OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

## **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER-UPDATE**

Hurricane Laura, a category 4 storm, made landfall August 27, 2020 and caused major rainfall, storm-surge flooding, high winds, and power outages throughout the state of Louisiana. It also caused severe damage to several water systems in many Louisiana communities. As a result, these communities are without adequate water service for potential fire suppression needs.

Therefore, to assist in preventing potential fire-related dangers during this state of emergency and to assist local first responders by reducing unnecessary fire calls that will be challenged to answer due to a lack of infrastructure, resources, and personnel due to the effects of and response to Hurricane Laura, the State Fire Marshal hereby orders a continued cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to his authority under R.S. 40:1602 for the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron. Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government.

The previous order is now lifted for Allen, Beauregard, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, Jackson, Jeff Davis, LaSalle, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Union, Vernon and Winn.

This order 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.

This revised order is effective September 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m, and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

**BY ORDER OF:**

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**H. "Butch" Browning  
State Fire Marshal**