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**OUTDOOR COOKING GUIDELINES**  
**DURING THE BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING**

Many Tarrant County residents are rightfully concerned about how a burn ban affects their plans to cook outdoors. The Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office urges all residents to use common sense when handling flammable materials during a burn ban. Below are a few guidelines to follow for outdoor cooking:

- Gas grills are the safest outdoor cooking option. Please keep the flames covered during the operation of your gas grill.
- If you want to use a charcoal or wood-burning grill or an outdoor fire pit, it is recommended they be placed on a concrete, gravel, or dirt surface at least five (5) feet from any combustible materials. Please keep the cover on the grill during use.
- Smokers can be used and it is recommended they are placed on a concrete, gravel, or dirt surface at least five feet from combustible materials. Keep the flames covered during use.
- Be sure to have a water source, i.e. a bucket of water or a garden hose, nearby in case of emergencies.

Should you have further questions regarding cooking outdoors during the burn ban, please contact the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office at 817-838-4660 or email [firemarshal@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:firemarshal@tarrantcountytx.gov)