

WELDING GUIDELINES DURING EMERGENCY

Adopted May 17, 2011 and effective until further action by the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County

- 1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited.
2. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, fireworks, discarded cigarettes or other flammable materials used in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a wildfire.
3. Welding is allowed by commercial/professional welders under the following guideline ONLY:
a. A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.
b. A diameter around the welding area shall be a minimum of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be three times the heights of the actual welding. Example: if the welding is occurring ten feet above the ground, a perimeter of thirty (30) feet must be protected.
c. A minimum of 10 gallons of water must be available on site.
d. A minimum of one (1) water pressure fire extinguisher per spotter is required and one spare. Each extinguisher should be at least 2 1/2 gallons.
e. Each welding rig must have a Class B Chemical Fire Extinguisher, minimum 10lbs.
f. If the work area cannot be cleared of vegetation proper precautionary measures must be taken. Example: protecting brush, etc., by utilizing fire resistant tarps.
g. Welding in an enclosed area is acceptable.
h. No welding is permitted if winds are 20 mph or greater, with the exception of public utilities during emergency operations.
i. Prior to ANY outdoor welding activity a phone call shall be placed by the welder, or company conducting welding operations, to the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department (325-655-8111) relaying the location of the project, cell phone number for the contact person, name of party responsible, and name of welder.

Persons violating this order may be arrested and fined up to \$500.

Approved by the County Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on this the 17 day of May, 2011

[Signature of Michael D. Brown]

Michael D. Brown, Judge
Acting in his official capacity as County Judge and not individually.

Attest:

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by the said County Officials, on this the 17th day of May, 2011



[Signature of Elizabeth McGill]
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk
Tom Green County, Texas