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Galveston County is under burn ban and burning is illegal within the city limits of La Marque. Keep in mind FIRE WORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY LIMITS ESPECIALLY DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS. (THIS IS IN ENFORCEABLE BY CITATION)

According to section 29.6 of the city ordinances of La Marque the discharge of fireworks within the city limits of La Marque is prohibited. A citation or ticket can be issued for a fine of up to 2,000 dollars. More importantly Fireworks burn at extremely high temperatures and can cause significant fire damage. Not to mention the stress it causes our pets and citizens with PTSD. Please be considerate this 4th of July.

The projected rain will not be enough to take us out of the BURN BAN. The Keetch-Byran Drought Index is at 700 as of today's update.
<https://twc.tamu.edu/kbdi>
<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

According to the National Fire Protection Association, **fireworks started** an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused five deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage and these are just the incidents reported. This is extremely important in our community due to the layout of the subdivisions and the proximity of the houses.