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## City of McKinney News Release

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### McKinney's burn ban lifted

*Hot work permits are no longer required*

MCKINNEY, Texas (August 16, 2018) – The McKinney Fire Marshal has lifted the outdoor burn ban that went into effect on July 10, 2018. McKinney had endorsed a burn ban issued by Collin County because of extremely dry conditions, especially in rural areas. During the ban period, the McKinney Fire Department responded to 32 grass fires.

McKinney will no longer require permits for those performing hot work or cutting and welding outdoors.

"We will continue to monitor conditions. Despite the recent rains, north Texas is not out of the woods yet. We need to stay aware of how fast fire can spread," said McKinney Fire Marshal Mike Smith.

Fact: According to the Department of the Interior, as many as 90-percent of wildfires in the U.S. are caused by people.

More safety information can be located at [www.mckinneyfire.org](http://www.mckinneyfire.org) or [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

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### About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of 180,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money* Magazine. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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