



# Parish of Ascension

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### **Ascension Parish Issues Burn Ban Amid Elevated Wildfire Risk Across Louisiana**

**ASCENSION PARISH, La.** — In response to ongoing wildfire activity across Southeast Louisiana and continued dangerous fire weather conditions, Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment has issued a parish-wide burn ban effective immediately.

Recent wildfires in neighboring parishes, including Livingston and St. Tammany, combined with dry vegetation, low humidity, and windy conditions, have significantly increased the risk of rapidly spreading fires throughout the region.

The burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning, including debris burning, trash burning, and open-air fires, until Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The decision follows consultation with Ascension Parish fire chiefs, the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, which continue to monitor weather conditions and wildfire risks closely.

"The safety of our residents and first responders is our top priority," said Parish President Clint Cointment.

"With active wildfires impacting communities across Louisiana and conditions remaining extremely dry, issuing this burn ban is a necessary step to prevent dangerous fires here in Ascension Parish."

Officials will continue evaluating conditions and will modify or lift the burn ban as weather patterns improve. Residents are urged to report any signs of fire or smoke immediately by calling 911.

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OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Clint Cointment  
Parish President

## EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUING A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER FOR ALL PRIVATE BURNING WITHIN THE PARISH OF ASCENSION

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish Government, through Clint Cointment, as Parish President, is empowered to take necessary measures to ensure the continued safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of Ascension Parish, Louisiana, as per law; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of sufficient rainfall over an extended period, Ascension Parish is experiencing extremely dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Parish, along with multiple surrounding parishes, is experiencing uncontrolled fires due to the dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, immediate emergency actions are required to minimize the threat to life and property of the citizens of Ascension Parish; and

WHEREAS, the area involved needs emergency actions and support to respond to the incident; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the separate fire districts in Ascension Parish need relief from responding to uncontrolled fires,

THEREFORE, I, Clint Cointment, President of the Parish of Ascension by the authority vested in me by the Ordinances of the Parish of Ascension, the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, and any other acts which may prevail, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exist in the Parish of Ascension and proclaim there be imposed a cease-and-desist order for all private burning within Ascension Parish. The Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby designated as the point of contact for this action.

**THIS PROCLAMATION IS EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNATURE AND SHALL REMAIN  
IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026.**

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