



CLAY FIRE

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In the past 10 days, firefighters in unincorporated areas of St. Joseph County have responded to 20 leaf and brush fires. This, even though the burning of leaves is prohibited by county ordinance except for one week in the Fall and one week in the Spring, as designated by the St. Joseph County Commissioners.

This number of calls, does not count the many trash fires that fire units have stopped at prior to being called.

Please re-advise the residents that the commissioners will publicize the next time that leaf burning can legally take place. And, then, the leaves can only be burned in a container, not on the ground.

The extreme dryness of vegetation and the gusting winds makes it unsafe even if it were ok to burn leaves.

For the safety of everyone...please follow the rules.