

Bastrop County Fire Complex
FACT SHEET
Saturday, September 17, 2011 - 12:00 PM

Acres: 34,068 Total
Cause: Under investigation
Containment: 85% (Bastrop Fire)
90% (Union Chapel Fire)
Resources: 3 fire crews, 67 engines, 2 helicopters, 6 water tenders, 2 dozer

Start date of fire: September 4, 2011
Location: 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas
Fuels: Timber/residential area
Total personnel: 528

CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA- Temperatures will be in the 90's today. Hotspots continue to burn within the fire perimeter, smoldering continues around burned trees. Anyone in the areas that have been opened is urged to use caution when working around residences and traveling in the area. **Residents are encouraged to only call 911 to report fires that are adjacent to their homes.**

Bastrop State Park and Buescher State Park remain closed

ANIMAL CARCASSES: A burn ban is in place for Bastrop County. Burning carcasses or any debris is prohibited. For more information on what to do with animal carcasses, please call the road and bridge department at 512-581-4086 for precinct 1 or 512-360-4224 for precinct 2.

OTHER DISPOSAL NEEDS: For disposal of perishable goods there are dumpsters located at: Bastrop Co. Transfer Station, 601 Coolwater St. LBA; Circle D Fire Station #3, FM 1331 Circle D; Precinct #2 Road Barn, intersection of Taylor and SE 2nd Smithville, TX; Heart of the Pines Fire Station, Hwy 71 East between Bastrop and Smithville.

Please use recycling whenever possible. A complete list of recycling centers is available from the Bastrop County website.

ASSISTANCE: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or www.DisasterAssistance.gov or dial **211** for local information and statewide public services. A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center has been established at the Bastrop High School West Campus, 1602 Hill Street, Bastrop, TX. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9:00 am-7:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00pm.

SAFETY MESSAGE-DRIVE DEFENSIVELY- *With the increase in fire traffic around local communities and utility personnel working along major highways, drivers are cautioned to **drive safely, drive defensively.***

For further information, go to the Bastrop County website at <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/> or call **211**. Also see <http://www.inciweb.org> for updates, maps and photos.