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**Numerous brush fires
plague three counties**

Brush fires have kept firefighters hopping in Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles counties, and authorities are warning against burning outdoors.

Barry Nuss, fire marshal for the Lincoln County Fire Protection District, said his department fought 19 brush fires in the past week. Most of those came from trash, camp or brush pile fires. Nuss said outdoor burning is not recommended, at least until after wet weather comes through the area again.

Chris Thiemann, fire marshal for the Warrenton Fire Protection District, said his department responded to five brush fires in the past week.

In St. Charles County, Assistant Chief Austin Worcester of the Wentzville Fire Protection District said his department also fought half a dozen brush fires, including one that burned five acres Friday afternoon.