



Fire Ban Information Card

The following acts are prohibited when the Boulder County Commissioners enact a Fire Ban.

1. **NO** Campfires, coal or wood burning stove use, any type of charcoal fueled broiler or open fire of any type.
2. **NO** Burning of Slash piles or Ditch vegetation.
3. Burning of Trash or Garbage is **prohibited**.
4. **NO** Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
5. Fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material is **prohibited**.
6. Welding, acetylene or other similar torch with open flame is **prohibited**.
7. Off-road use of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed is **prohibited**.
8. Operating a chainsaw without a fire extinguisher and shovel nearby is **prohibited**.
9. Operating a motorized vehicle off designated roads and trails is **prohibited**.
10. Overnight camping is limited to specific areas.

Exceptions

- Persons with a written permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or Omission.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Mechanical stoves and appliances fueled by bottled or liquid gas that allow the operator to control or extinguish the flame with a valve.

View information about the Fire Ban at: www.bouldercounty.org/sheriff



Fire Restrictions Information Card

The following acts are **prohibited** when the Boulder County Commissioners enact Fire Restrictions:

1. **NO** Campfires, coal or wood burning stove use, any type of charcoal fueled broiler or open fire of any type in undeveloped areas. Fires in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites **are allowed**. Mechanical stoves and appliances fueled by bottled or liquid gas that allow the operator to control or extinguish the flame with a valve **are allowed**.
2. Burning of construction materials is **prohibited**, i.e.: lumber, plywood, etc.
3. Burning of Trash / Garbage is **prohibited**.
4. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building is **prohibited**.
5. Fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material is **prohibited**.
6. Use of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device is **prohibited**.

Exceptions

- Burning of slash piles consisting of tree branches and vegetation is allowed **except on Red Flag days**.
- Agricultural Burning is allowed **except on Red Flag days**.
- Persons with a written permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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Boulder County Ordinance 2009-1

Imposes requirements **before** starting an outdoor ditch, field or slash fire. (**The ordinance does not apply to small campfires, barbeques, etc.**)

You must call the Sheriff's dispatch center at: 303-441-4444 before starting the fire.

Report to the dispatcher:

- **Location of the fire**
- **Time you expect to burn**
- **Time burn should be completed**

Failure to do so can result in a \$50 fine for the first offense, and fines escalate thereafter.

You are NOT allowed to ignite any outdoor fire on days that the National Weather Service has declared "Red Flag" fire danger days.

Doing so will result in a \$500 fine for a first offense, and fines escalate for subsequent offenses. If you light a fire on a Red Flag warning day and it escapes to a neighbors property, you can also be charged with Arson and be held financially responsible for the cost of fighting the fire and any damages!

Information on "Red Flag" warnings is available from the dispatcher when you call in, and also from local media outlets and the National Weather Service.

View the entire ordinance at: <http://www.bouldercounty.org/government/pages/countyordinances.aspx>