

Open Burning

What you Need to Know



**For Larimer,
Boulder and Weld
Counties**

How to Get a Burn Permit

TO ACCESS A PERMIT FROM:

Larimer: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment at www.larimer.org/burnpermit or call 970-498-6775

Boulder: Boulder County Environmental Health at www.bouldercounty.org or call Boulder County Sheriffs Office 303-441-4500

Weld: Weld County Department of Public Health at www.co.weld.co.us/apps/health/burn_permits or call 970-304-6415

FOR ALL THREE COUNTIES::

The Health Department will review your application and either approve/deny the permit. If approved by the Health Department, your application will be forwarded to the fire authority for approval/denial. If approved you will be provided notice by email or by physical delivery.

Allow 24 to 48 hours for approval

Loveland Communications must be notified prior to and upon completion of open burning by dialing (970) 962-2800.

As a courtesy, please notify your neighbors prior to any open burning.

Berthoud Fire Protection District
275 Mountain Avenue
PO Box 570
Berthoud, CO 80513
970-532-2264



CONDITIONS OF OPEN BURNING

OPEN BURNING

Open burning, including recreational fires, may be granted or denied by the Department of Environmental Health based on the authority of the Colorado Air Quality Control Act, 1979. Open burning without a permit is illegal and may result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING

Agricultural open burning is the open burning of cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production including irrigation ditches. Agricultural burning is permissible within the authority of the Berthoud Fire Protection District.



FIRE HAZARD PRECAUTIONS

DO NOT BURN

- Routine yard and garden clean-up waste
- Structures
- Construction debris
- Household garbage
- Materials that produce excessive smoke (plastic, wire, tires, wet grass, leaves, rubber, etc.)
- Commercial/Business waste
- Stumps

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Burning during a period of snow or light rain with light winds, a minimum of 3 inches of snow cover are ideal.

Winds must be less than 10 mph. If a "RED FLAG WARNING" has been issued for the respective county, all open burning shall be deemed prohibited until the "RED FLAG WARNING" is revoked.

Open burning should not be within 50' of any structure. Pile branches in open areas away from standing timber and structures.

Piles should be no larger than 8-10 feet in diameter at the base and 6 feet high. Clean, dry branches should be 4 inches or less in diameter.

Always have water, rake and shovel available for control and extinguishment.

Burning material shall be constantly attended by an adult until the fire is completely extinguished.

Burning shall take place between the hours of sunrise and sunset, unless otherwise approved.

RECREATIONAL BURNING OUTDOOR FIRE PIT GUIDELINES

Outdoor burning **is allowed** at single family dwellings when contained in a manufactured, portable outdoor fire pit; fireplace; or in a chiminea. (Examples of authorized pits below)

All appliances shall include a screen or spark arrestor feature.

A permit **is not** required for these devices.

The pit must be 25 ft. from structures or fencing and 15 ft. from property lines.

Size of wood pile is limited to 3 ft. in diameter by 2 ft. in height.

The ground within 5 Ft. of the base of the fire must be cleared of all combustible material such as grass and weeds.

Only clean, dry wood may be burned.

Rubbish, trash, yard debris, construction materials **may not** be burned.

A responsible adult must monitor the burning until the fire is extinguished.

A garden hose, fire extinguisher, dirt or sand must be available for rapid extinguishment.

Burning **is not** allowed when winds are above 10 miles per hour or during long periods of low humidity.

Appliances must be placed on cleared level ground.

