



## **Open Burn Season Runs November Through Mid-April** *Even With Fire Restrictions Lifted, All Recreational Fire Pits Require Permit*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 4, 2021**-As the Yampa Valley emerges from summer long fire restrictions, Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) wants to make individuals aware of several key factors for those wishing to enjoy their recreational fire pits or conduct an open burn over the winter.

“Over the past several years, we’ve seen firsthand the impact fire can have on the Yampa Valley,” commented Fire Marshal Doug Shaffer. “I implore everyone to exercise extreme caution with the use of recreational fire pits as well as consider alternatives such as recycling, reusing or disposal at a landfill before open burning materials.”

All residential recreational fire pits that burn wood within the district require inspection and a permit from SSFR. Additional information on fire pits can be found [here](#).

With Mother Nature providing two early season snowfalls, the open burn period for the Steamboat Springs Fire Protection District will start to heat up next month. Open burning is permitted annually within the district from November 1 through April 15.

“Even with the recent snow and colder temperatures, we’re still in drought conditions and have recently seen wildfires break out in the mountain region,” continued Shaffer. “It’s imperative that all the criteria be met before igniting your open burn.”

The following parameters must be met prior to any open burn:

- A permit with Routt County Environmental Health is required. 970-870-5588
- Burn piles must be less than 10’x10’x10’ and be devoid of any trash or materials more suited for the landfill.
- **There must be 6 INCHES or more of snow on the ground at and around the burn site.**
- Burning must be started prior to 11am, always monitored and be out by sunset.
- Call Routt County Communications prior to starting the burn at 970.879.1110
- This burn season criteria only applies to the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District. Contact other fire districts to obtain their requirements for open burning.

Always observe fire safety guidelines and check the National Weather service Fire Weather pages for local fire weather forecasts: <http://www.weather.gov/bou/fire>. For additional questions, contact Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue at 970.879.7170.

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