



Steamboat Springs
Fire Rescue

City of
Steamboat Springs



Fire Protection District Open Burn Season Closing

Burn Period Ends April 15 Or Earlier If Less Than 6 Inches Of Snow On Ground

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 28, 2022-As the snow continues to melt, the Open Burn Season for the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District is also coming to an end. The Open Burn period runs each year from November 1 through April 15 but could close earlier if there is less than six inches of snow on the ground.

“We’ve seen some pretty warm days this past week and the snow has started its spring melt off,” commented Chuck Cerasoli, Fire Chief for Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue. “After last year’s active fire season, it’s imperative that all the criteria be met before igniting your open burn and for some locations that window may be closing rapidly.”

At this time, burning should only be conducted that is essential to either: agricultural burns such as ditch burning in conjunction with irrigation, weed control and production of crops; or Open Burns of currently permitted slash piles to assist in wildland fire mitigations plans.



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

- Contact Routt County Environmental Health at 970.870.5588 prior to open burn for a permit.
- 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

“Please use extreme caution during any open burn and consider alternatives before open burning for materials through recycling, reusing or disposal at a landfill,” stressed Cerasoli. “As we’ve seen all too often, it only takes a spark for something to grow out of control quickly, so think twice before igniting an open burn in these last few weeks.”

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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