



Steamboat Springs
Fire Rescue

City of
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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions To Be Lifted This Week

Even With Fire Restrictions Lifted, All Recreational Fire Pits Require Permits

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 21, 2022-With the recent cooler temperatures and increased precipitation, the City of Steamboat Springs will be lifting local fire restrictions starting just after midnight (12:01 AM) on Friday, September 23.

As the Yampa Valley emerges from the recent 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 this fall or conduct an open burn over the winter.

“Although wildland fire activity in our area has been limited this summer, we’ve all seen firsthand the impacts 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 fire pits that burn wood within the district require inspection and a permit from SSFR. Additional information on fire pits and the permitting process can be found [here](#).

The open burn period for the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District will heat up later this fall. Open burning is permitted annually within the district from November 1 through April 15.

“Even with the wet weather this summer, we’re still in drought conditions and have recently seen small wildfires break out throughout the region,” continued Shaffer. “It’s imperative that all the criteria be met before igniting your own 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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