



# Burn Restriction Order 2021-R1

Due to current drought conditions, arid vegetation, and increases in grass fire occurrences on undeveloped areas of Colorado Springs, and decreases in local, State of Colorado, and national response resource availability, Colorado Springs Fire Department, by and through its Division of the Fire Marshal, determines measures necessary to heighten fire hazard awareness and further reduce fire risks in order to protect health and safety are essential:

**EFFECTIVE NOON (MDT), MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, IS  
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS BURN RESTRICTION ORDER 2021-R1.**

**PROHIBITED within the City of Colorado Springs:**

- Any type of fire, whether open or contained, on any **UNDEVELOPED WILDLAND AREAS**, brushy areas, or grassy areas
- Recreational fires
- Bonfires
- Open or prescribed burns
- Outdoor smoking in **ALL CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**
- Small internal combustion engines operated without a properly installed, maintained, and functioning spark arrestor
- Recreational fireworks/devices requiring ignition such as sparklers, snakes, aerials, comets, flares, flyers, fountains, missiles, mortars, spinners, punks, rockets, shells, etc. (**PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**)
- Trash/rubbish burning (**PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**)

**ALLOWED within the City of Colorado Springs:**

- Select pyrotechnic or commercial activities **WHEN PERMITTED** by Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD)
- Hot work activities such as welding, brazing, blasting, and torching in forested or grassy areas **WHEN PERMITTED** by CSFD
- Outdoor smoking **ONLY** in designated areas and disposal of smoking materials is in a non-combustible container with a secured lid (**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL CITY OWNED PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**)

- Model rockets WHEN PERMITTED by CSFD
- Outdoor fireplaces and outdoor appliances **WITHIN DEVELOPED AREAS:**
  - Shall maintain a minimum clearance of 15' between the fireplace or appliance and all combustible structures, fences, and/or vegetation (No clearance requirements for permanent outdoor fireplaces or appliances installed in accordance with the currently adopted *International Mechanical Code*.)
  - Shall ONLY be fueled by wood, pellets, charcoal, liquid propane (LPG), or natural gas
  - Shall utilize spark arrestors when fueled by wood, pellets, or charcoal
  - Shall constantly be attended by a capable adult with a means of complete extinguishment
- Cooking devices intended for outdoor use, fueled by solid materials (wood, pellets, or charcoal) and/or liquid propane (LPG), natural gas, or liquid fuel **WITHIN DEVELOPED AREAS:**
  - Shall maintain a minimum clearance of 15' between the device and all combustible structures, fences, and/or vegetation (No clearance requirements for permanent outdoor cooking appliances installed in accordance with the currently adopted *International Mechanical Code*.)
  - Shall constantly be attended by a capable adult with a means of complete extinguishment
  - Shall dispose of waste (residue from wood, pellets, or charcoal) in non-combustible containers with lids tightly secured

Burn Restriction Order 2021-R1 (the Order) is in full force and effect for Colorado Springs and will remain until rescinded.

Violators of the Order shall be subject to the General Penalty provisions of the City Code of Colorado Springs, Colorado, 2001, as amended, sections 1.1.201 and 1.1.202, which may include punishments up to a \$2,500 fine; imprisonment in jail, not to exceed 189 days; a sentence to probation; or a combination of a fine, imprisonment, or probation. Fires caused in violation of this Order may be investigated as a misdemeanor or felony arson violation, subjecting violators to any penalties provided under Colorado statutes.

The Colorado Springs Fire Department urges all citizens of and visitors to Colorado Springs to abide by the Order and share in the responsibility of keeping our community safe. Please report any suspected non-emergency violations of the Order by calling 719-444-7000.

Outdoor burning guidelines, as well as additional public safety information, is available on the coloradosprings.gov website (<https://coloradosprings.gov/fire-department/page/outdoor-burning-guidelines>).