



OUTDOOR BURNING QUICK GUIDE



ALLOWED

OUTDOOR COOKING



Outdoor BBQ grills that are fueled by wood, pellets, or charcoal, and/or liquid propane gas, natural gas, or liquid fuel. You must have 10 ft. clearance from combustible structures, fences or vegetation however, there are no clearance requirements for single family homes.

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE/APPLIANCES



Any outdoor fire where the fire is contained in a portable or fixed fireplace/appliance. You must have 15 ft. clearance from combustible structures, fences or vegetation however, there are no clearance requirements for single family homes.

RECREATIONAL FIRES



Any outdoor fire or campfire where the fire is not contained in a portable or fixed fireplace/appliance. You must have 25 ft. clearance from combustible structures, fences or vegetation. The fire cannot exceed 3 ft. diameter and 2 ft. high and wood is the only allowable fuel to be used.



ALLOWED WITH A PERMIT

A permit for bonfires and professional fireworks displays shall be obtained from the CSFD's Division of the Fire Marshal.



Bonfires – recreational fires larger than 3 ft. diameter and 2 ft.



Professional fireworks displays.



PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES



Open burning by non-governmental entities.



Burning of trash or rubbish.



Use of recreational fireworks requiring ignition (has a fuse) such as sparklers, rockets, fountains, etc.



MORE INFORMATION

For more detailed information on outdoor fires and burning as well as additional public safety information:

coloradosprings.gov/outdoorfire

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BONFIRES: A bonfire is an outdoor fire greater than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, utilized for religious, celebratory, or similar purposes. Prior to kindling a bonfire, a permit shall be obtained from Colorado Springs Fire Department's Division of the Fire Marshal (CSFD DFM). A permitted bonfire shall be constructed of solid wood products, void of trash/rubbish and/or debris, and must maintain a minimum of 50 feet between a structure and combustible material.

RECREATIONAL FIRES: A recreational fire is an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, outdoor appliance, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.

FIREPLACES AND FIRE APPLIANCES: A fire contained within a portable or fixed outdoor fireplace or fire appliance shall be fueled by wood, pellets, charcoal and/or liquid propane gas (LPG), natural gas or liquid gas. With the exception of one-family and two-family dwellings, a fire contained within a portable or fixed outdoor fireplace maintain a minimum distance of 15 feet between a structure and combustible material.

COMMERCIAL PYROTECHNICS: Prior to conducting commercial pyrotechnics, a permit shall be obtained from CSFD DFM.

ILLEGAL WITHIN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

OPEN BURNING ACTIVITIES: Examples of open burning activities are fires used for ditch clearing, silviculture (forestry purposes), range or wildlife management, disease or pest prevention and/or control, and wildfire risk reduction. (Exception: City, county, state, and federal agencies permitted by CSFD DFM are allowed to conduct open burning.)

RECREATIONAL FIREWORKS: All fireworks / devices requiring ignition are ILLEGAL within the City of Colorado Springs. Only novelty items (snappers and poppers) are allowed. Possession, use, and or the sale of fireworks is subject to a violation of Fire and City Code. A fire started by fireworks that threatens or damages property is an arson crime.

MISUSE OF FIRE

Non-permitted ignitions or misuse of fire causing or threatening damage to property are subject to violation of Fire and City Code and potential arson charges. Person(s) in violation of code may be subject to a fine of \$2,500 or 189 days in jail.

NOTE: This guidance document does not contain all code requirements.

All outdoor burning shall be in accordance with the adopted and amended 2015 International Fire Code. The 2015 International Fire Code and its local amendments are available in the [City of Colorado Springs City Clerk's Office](#). For additional fire-related public safety information please visit ColoradoSprings.gov/OutdoorFire.