

Boulder County FIRE BAN



PROHIBITED

- ⊗ **ALL OPEN BURNING***
- ⊗ **CAMPFIRES** (Except those in USFS improved/maintained campgrounds that are currently open to the public)
- ⊗ **WARMING FIRES**
- ⊗ **SLASH PILE BURNING**
- ⊗ **FIREWORKS**
- ⊗ **MODEL ROCKETS**
- ⊗ Use of **INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES** without a spark-arresting device
- ⊗ **BLASTING**
- ⊗ **WELDING OUTDOORS**
- ⊗ Burning **TRASH** is illegal at **ALL TIMES**

ALLOWED

- ✓ **LIQUID FUEL STOVES**
- ✓ **GAS STOVES**
- ✓ **CHARCOAL GRILLS** on private property
- ✓ **CAMPFIRES** on private lands and in USFS improved/maintained campgrounds that are currently open to the public.

Campgrounds Include:

- Meeker Park
- Olive Ridge
- Peaceful Valley
- Camp Dick
- Pawnee Campground
- Brainard Lake Recreation Area (Picnic Grills)
- Rainbow Lakes
- Kelly Dahl Campground

Boulder County Ordinance

2006-2

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE SHERIFF OF BOULDER COUNTY TO DECLARE AN OPEN FIRE BAN "WHENEVER THE DANGER OF FOREST OR GRASS FIRES IS FOUND TO BE HIGH, AND WITHOUT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR RESOLUTION.

For the purposes of this order, "open fires" shall mean any activity that produces or maintains, or attempts to produce or maintain, spark or flame or ignition. "Open fires" does not include burning used for bona fide agricultural purposes by agricultural producers on their land, fires wholly contained within an enclosed building or vehicle that are used in a safe manner and that do not permit any flame, spark or burning or ignited material to exit such building or vehicle.

Any person who violates this fire ban commits a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first offense, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for a second offense, and one thousand (\$1000) for a third and any subsequent offense. If you light a fire on a Red Flag warning day and it escapes to a neighbor's property, you can be charged with arson and be held financially responsible for the cost of fighting the fire and any damages.



DEFINITION

OPEN BURN An open burn is any burn from which the smoke enters the ambient air without first passing through a chimney or scrubber.



VIEW ENTIRE ORDINANCE

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QUESTIONS

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