Fire Restrictions & Bans

A community information guide

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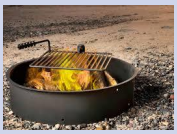
	Stage 1 Restriction	Stage 2 Restriction
Allowable Activities	• Wood burning fires in a device designed to contain fire (NOT permitted in short-term rentals) • Charcoal and pellet fuel BBQs and smokers (NOT permitted in short-term rentals) • Gas burning BBQs • Gas burning recreational fires • Smoking (with proper discard device) 	• Gas burning BBQs • Gas burning recreational fires
Prohibited Activities	• Wood burning recreational fires **NOT** in a permanent enclosure or portable device designed to contained fire 	• Wood burning recreational fires of any kind • Charcoal and pellet fuel BBQs and smokers • Smoking in the open

Always Prohibited

- fire with fuel load greater than 3ft wide x 2ft tall
- burning trash, yard waste, or slash
- unattended fire

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For more information visit:
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Note: Per Larimer County Land Use Code, Short Term Rentals may not burn solid fuels when being used as a short-term rental. This flow chart does not apply.

MORE INFO

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Do you have a current burn permit from Larimer County and approved by the Fire District?

- Yes → Active permits only apply from October 1 to May 1. Criteria to burn is on the permit and can be found at: https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/burn-permits
- No → Is the fire burning "slash", including: leaves, pine cones, pine needles, trash, or anything besides "firewood"
  - Yes → This fire violates the Int (IFC) Section 307.2 and must be extinguished
  - No → Is there a current fire restriction or fire ban in place?
    - Yes → Refer to current fire restrictions for guidelines. Even if permitted under the restrictions, recreational burning is strongly discouraged under these conditions.
    - No → Is the fuel load greater than 3 feet wide and 2 feet tall?
      - Yes → This fire violates the International Fire Code (IFC) Section 307.4 and must be extinguished
      - No → Is the fire in a container (fire ring, fire pit, chiminea, etc) that *adequately* contains the fire for current and expected weather conditions? *Officer discretion*.
        - Yes → Per IFC 307.4:
          - The fire must be at least **15** feet from a structure
          - The fire must be constantly attended until completely out
          - The attendant must have water and tool available
        - No → Per IFC 307.4:
          - The fire must be at least **25** feet from a structure
          - The fire must be constantly attended until completely out
          - The attendant must have water and tool available

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Activity	Private Residence	Commercial Business	During Fire Restrictions	During Fire Bans
Slash Burning	Permit Required See: www.estesvalleyfire.org/burn-permits		Not Allowed	
Recreational Wood Burning (e.g. camp fires)	No Permit Required Not Permitted in Short Term Rentals	No Permit Required	Conditions Apply	Not Allowed
Fireplaces & Stoves (inside buildings)	No Permit Required	No Permit Required	Allowed	
BBQs & Smokers (Charcoal & Pellet Fuels)	No Permit Required Not Permitted in Short Term Rentals	Mobile Food Vehicles require Operational Permit	Conditions Apply	Not Allowed
Recreational Gas Burning Fires & Appliances	No Permit Required	No Permit Required	Conditions Apply	
Fireworks	Not Allowed	Operational Permit from EVFPD required	Not Allowed	

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