



2011 OUTDOOR BURN REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LONGMONT IN BOULDER COUNTY



PROHIBITED FIRES

All open burning or fires are prohibited except as allowed and defined in this document. **Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke is prohibited.** Examples of allowed uses: Recreational Fires, Bon Fires, BBQ Pits and Commercial Fire Appliances

EXTINGUISHMENT

All fires shall be constantly attended by a responsible party until the fire is fully extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate use.



PROHIBITED MATERIALS ALL CATEGORIES OF BURNING

- A. Plastics
- B. Garbage & Construction Waste
- C. Wire Insulation
- D. Rubber
- E. All Petroleum Based Products
- F. Animal Waste
- G. Food Service & Industrial Wastes
- H. Yard Vegetation and Debris

OPEN FLAME

A fire department permit IS NOT required

Open flames such as citronella candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters, tiki torches and gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near decorative material or similar combustible materials. Burning devices shall be attended until extinguished.

BONFIRE

A fire department permit IS required.

DEFINITION: A Bonfire is an outdoor fire used for ceremonial purposes.

- **Bonfires shall be inspected by fire prevention personnel prior to igniting, call 303-651-8833 during business hours.**
- Bonfires shall not be located within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Natural untreated wood is allowed for burning. Prohibited materials shall not be used as a fuel.
- Bonfires shall be no greater than 8 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height.
- Bonfires shall be attended at all times until fully extinguished.

BARBECUE PITS

(Cooking/Below Ground)

A fire department permit IS NOT required

- Barbecue Pits outdoors shall be constructed of noncombustible materials or approved in-ground locations.
- Barbecue Pits shall not be located within 15 feet of combustible structures or combustible material.
- Barbecue Pits shall be attended at all times until fully extinguished.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

A fire department permit IS NOT required.

DEFINITION: A Recreational Fire is an outdoor fire burning materials other than yard debris, rubbish and prohibited materials where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 ft. or less in diameter and 2 ft. or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 ft. of a structure or combustible material.
- Natural untreated wood is allowed for burning. Prohibited materials shall not be used as a fuel.
- Recreational fires are permitted after dark.
- Check the Boulder County Burn Index information line at 303-782-0211.
- Shall be attended at all times until fully extinguished.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

A fire department permit IS NOT required.

DEFINITION: A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. Example Units: Gas fired fireplaces, metal or stone chiminea's and commercial fire pits; may be of open design, may be equipped with a small hearth, may have a short chimney or similar products.

The use of Portable Outdoor Fireplaces may be used when the following precautions are taken.

- All manufacturers' suggestions, instructions and safety precautions are taken to ensure the unit operates as intended.
- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Exception: one- and two-family dwellings.
- Natural untreated wood is allowed for burning. Prohibited materials shall not be used as a fuel.
- Fires shall be attended at all times until fully extinguished.



LONGMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please contact the Longmont Fire Department at 303-651-8833 during business hours for questions, clarifications or assistance about burn regulations.

→NOTE: For agricultural burning, call the Longmont Fire Department at 303-651-8833.