

Outdoor burning regulations is a common question we get from our residents here in Golden, especially this time of year as the days are getting longer but the nights are still brisk. Burning outdoors per the adopted and amended fire code in Golden has different levels of applicable code requirements. There are several types of fires and definitions that classify each fire. Below are the definitions and the code requirements for each type of fire.

OPEN BURNING:

- Bonfires are open burning (large) other than rubbish for ceremonial purposes.
- All open burning requires a GFD and Jeffco Health Department permit for air quality.
- The permit holder must have the permit on site and be following all permit requirements

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

- Is limited to untreated dry wood except for starter material such as starter sticks or paper.
- Burning of any rubbish or trash of any kind is prohibited.
- By definition burn materials other than rubbish OR VEGETATION not in an incinerator, built outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, or BBQ grill ;
- Limited to a maximum fuel pile of 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height; are used only for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes
- DOES NOT INCLUDING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT OR "GREEN" FUELS THAT HAVE A HIGH MOISTURE CONTENT AND PRODUCE A LARGE AMOUNT OF SMOKE.
- No permit is required but adopted fire code requirements apply.
- Must be a minimum of 25 feet from structures or combustible materials that could cause fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure.
- Must be constantly attended by a competent adult in control of the property until extinguished. (Not under the influence to the point they would likely not be able to drive- seek police determination if needed).
- Attendant must have a readily accessible means to extinguish the fire such as; a minimum of one 4A rated portable extinguisher, charged garden hose, a 5 gallon bucket of water or a 5 gallon bucket of dirt or sand and shovel.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES:

- Portable outdoor fireplaces burn solid fuel other than rubbish with a pile size limited that of a recreational fire (3 feet diameter by 2 feet high), and are constructed of; steel, concrete, clay or other non-combustible material either open in design or equipped with a hearth opening or short chimney (the typical fire pots or chimineas sold commercially).
- Limited to use at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials (except at one and two family dwellings).
- Must be constantly attended by a competent adult in control of the property until extinguished. (Not under the influence to the point they would likely not be able to drive- seek police determination if needed).
- Attendant must have a readily accessible means to extinguish the fire such as; a minimum of one 4A rated portable extinguisher, charged garden hose, a 5 gallon bucket of water or a 5 gallon bucket of dirt or sand and shovel.