



WHEAT RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DOING THE RIGHT THINGS AT THE RIGHT TIMES FOR THE RIGHT REASONS

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DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Pits and Open Burning in the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District

Fire pits, chiminea's, and recreational fires are allowed within the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District provided they comply with the following rules of the 2006 International Fire Code:

307.4 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. (Recreational fires shall be 3 feet or less in diameter)

HOWEVER- Fires in approved containers, such as covered fire pits and chimineas, shall not be less than 15 feet from any structure.

307.5 Attendance. Open burning and recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is 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, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Open Burn Permits are required for irrigation ditch burns, agricultural burns, and bonfires. Contact the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District during normal business hours at 303-403-5900 in order to apply for an Open Burn Permit. The applicant must be the legal owner of the property on which the fire is kindled.

The Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department may issue a Burn Restriction at any time if atmospheric or environmental circumstances create the potential for hazardous fire conditions.