



Florence Fire Protection District

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District Chief Bill Ritter

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Burning Regulations

1. Individual responsible for burning must call 719-784-3411 to obtain permission to burn.
2. Open burning is only allowed during daylight hours.
3. No open burning is allowed when winds are above 10 mph, on red flag days or during fire bans.
4. Materials allowed to be burned are untreated, natural wood (sticks and branches), leaves, dry prairie grass, slash, weeds. All open burns must be performed in open piles. Burning in barrels or incinerators is not allowed.
5. Materials not allowed to be burned are Tree stumps in the ground, Tires, chemicals, plastic, dimensional lumber, construction debris, and trash. Burning of these materials produces pollution that is harmful to the environment and the health of you and your neighbors.
6. Piles to be burned can be no larger than 8'x8'x8'. If you wish to burn a larger pile a permit from the State of Colorado must be obtained and a burn plan must be presented to the Florence Fire Protection District office prior to burning.
7. No open burning is allowed within 50' of a structure. If you are unable to be 50 feet away a distance of 25' from a structure is acceptable, but the pile size must be 4' diameter and 2' high.
8. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at the burning site. The hose must reach all areas to be burned.
9. Burning material shall be constantly attended by a competent adult, knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment. All burned piles must be cold at sunset.
10. The Chief or his designee is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if it is determined to constitute a hazardous condition this includes smoke from the fire.
11. Air quality control commission regulation 9 provides guidelines for open burning. Burning without a permit or burning of prohibited materials can lead to a sizeable civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day. (Per C.R.S 25-7-123).
12. Recreational fires must be extinguished before 11:00 p.m.