

Request a Burn Permit:

Step 1: State Issued Permits

The Elizabeth Fire Protection District (EFPD) requires residents who request an open burning permit (other than a recreational fire) to first acquire a state open burning permit if required. State issued permits can be applied for through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at no cost to the applicant. To apply for a state permit:

- Visit the provided link:
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/apens-and-air-permits/open-burn-small-pile/slash-permits>
- Fill out the application form.
- Email completed form to
cdphe.apopenburning@state.co.us

State issued permits are valid for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31) and allow for a maximum of 50 burns during that calendar year.

Step 2: Local Permits

To request a local burn permit, residents must contact EFPD by phone at 303-646-3800. An inspection may be required. State issued permits may be emailed to efpdburnpermit@elizabethfire.org.

Burn Permit Rules:

- An open burn, recreational fire, or bonfire cannot be conducted within the EFPD without a currently written burn permit.
- A burn permit can be revoked at any time by any EFPD member for any reason.
- The Permittee must own the site or have legal access and be at least 18 years of age.
- Unless fire danger conditions change, the Permittee is not required to contact the District before burning on the approved day written on the burn permit.
- The Permittee shall conduct a controlled burn in the approved areas or incinerators only.

- The Permittee shall extinguish the burn immediately if any of the following situations occur:
 - Neighbors complain regarding the smell of smoke traveling off the Permittee's property.
 - Winds begin to be too strong or gusty and/or the Permittee can no longer monitor the burn.
 - Permittee is instructed to do so by any EFPD personnel.
- The Permittee shall monitor burn at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- The Permittee shall provide the minimum of a charged garden hose, fire extinguisher, or on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, and water. Barrel shall be available for immediate utilization.
- The Permittee shall maintain adequate means of access and communication to EFPD in case of emergency.
- The Permittee shall burn fibrous, non-treated wood products in a single pile.
- The Permittee can call the District to request re-issuance of a burn permit issued in the prior 60 days before the permit expires. The Permittee must provide the burn permit number and date the burn permit was initially issued.
- A permit issued greater than 60 days prior may require a new site inspection and permit issued at the Chief or Chief designee's discretion.
- The maximum open burn pile shall be no bigger than 6x6x4.
- The location of an open burn shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure or combustible material. (Fires in approved containers can be 15 feet from a structure)
- Burn area must not be under any tree canopy.
- The location of a bonfire must not be less than 50 feet from a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit.
- The location of a recreational fire must not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Any conditions which could cause a fire to spread closer than it is allowed to a structure or combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Piles larger than 8x8x8 require additional permits. Contact the District office at 303-646-3800 for more information.

Burn Restrictions



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Definitions:

Open Fires or Open Burning

is defined as the burning of materials wherein combustion products are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Examples include slash piles, bonfires, the lighting of any explosives and fireworks of any kind or brand, the lighting of model rockets, the burning of fence lines or rows, fields, farmlands, rangelands, wildlands, burning of trash or debris.

Permissible Fireworks

are defined as any devices that meet the statutory definition of fireworks referenced herein, but that which are not "permissible fireworks" shall always remain prohibited.

Portable Outdoor Fireplace

is defined as a portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other non-combustible material. It may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Recreational Fire

defined as an outdoor fire burning material other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or pit, and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose.

Stage 1

Activities Allowed Without Permit

- Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, grills, fire pits, or other gas/liquid-fueled appliances
- Outdoor welding or hot work
- Residential use of charcoal grills, smokers, tiki torches, fires in chimineas or other portable fireplaces or patios (Fire pits must be supervised by a responsible person at least 18 years old. Portable fires and chimneys must have a lid or screen, and all openings must be less than 1/4 inch.)
- Use of indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves with an approved chimney spark arrestor
- Small recreational fires contained in fixed permanent metal/steel fire pits (rock fire rings are considered temporary and not permanent) with flame lengths not more than 4 feet (Recreational pit dimensions shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in depth)
- Sale and use of fireworks in compliance with state and local regulations
- Use of educational rockets
- Recreational shooting and target practice

Activities Allowed with Permit from Local Fire Department

- Open burning per local fire department regulations
- Professional fireworks displays
- Tethered sky lanterns

Stage 2

Activities Allowed Without Permit

- Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, grills, fire pits, or other gas/liquid fueled appliances
- Residential use of charcoal grill fires and smokers when such use is supervised by a responsible party at least 18 years of age
- Use of indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves with an approved chimney spark arrestor
- Fire suppression or fire department training fires
- Discharge of firearms

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Example of
Open Burning



Example of
Recreational Burning