

# Boulder County **FIRE BAN**



## PROHIBITED

- ✓ **ALL OPEN BURNING IN THE FOOT-HILLS AND MOUNTAIN AREAS\* OF BOULDER COUNTY**
- ✓ **CAMPFIRES & WARMING FIRES** (Ex-cept those in improved/maintained campgrounds that are currently open to the public or on private property)
- ✓ **SLASH PILE BURNING**
- ✓ **FIREWORKS**
- ✓ **MODEL ROCKETS**
- ✓ Use of an **INTERNAL COMBUSTION EN-GINE** without a spark-arresting device
- ✓ **BLASTING**
- ✓ **WELDING OUTDOORS**
- ✓ Burning **TRASH** is illegal at **ALL TIMES**

## ALLOWED

- ✓ **ALL PERMITTED OR EXEMPT OPEN BURNING IN THE PLAINS AREAS\* OF BOULDER COUNTY**
- ✓ **LIQUID FUEL STOVES**
- ✓ **GAS STOVES**
- ✓ **CAMPFIRES & WARMING FIRES** in USFS improved/maintained campgrounds that are currently open to the public
- ✓ **CHARCOAL GRILLS** on private property

\* "Mountains and foothills" are defined as those areas located WEST of the following line: 83rd Street south to Woodland Road, Woodland Road west to 75th, 75th south to Highway 66, Highway 66 west to North Foothills Highway, North Foothills Highway south to Broadway, Broadway south to South Foothills Highway, South Foothills Highway south to the county line. "Plains" are defined as those areas east of the "mountains and foothills," as defined above.

## Boulder County Ordinance

2012-2

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO, REQUIRING AN OPEN BURNING APPLICATION AND PERMIT SYSTEM FOR OPEN BURNS AND FOR DISPOSAL OF SLASH MATERIAL; NOTIFICATION TO THE BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BEFORE INITIATING AN OPEN BURN AND SLASH BURN; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR INITIATING AN OPEN SLASH BURN WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT AND WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR INITIATING SUCH A FIRE ON A "RED FLAG" DAY

Boulder County Ordinance 2012-2 imposes requirements prior to igniting a ditch, field, or slash pile burn. This ordinance does not apply to small campfires or barbeques.

### NOTIFICATIONS

You must call the sheriff's dispatch center at (303) 441-4444 before starting the fire.

Report to the dispatcher:

- ✓ Location of the fire
- ✓ Time you expect to burn
- ✓ Time burn should be completed

Failure to do so may result in a \$50 fine for the first offense and fines escalate thereafter.

### WEATHER RESTRICTIONS

You are NOT allowed to ignite any outdoor fire on days that the National Weather Service has issued a "Red Flag" warning.

Doing so may result in a \$500 fine for a first offense and fines escalate for subsequent offenses. If you light a fire on a Red Flag warning day and it escapes to a neighbor's property, you can be charged with arson and be held financially responsible for the cost of fighting the fire and any damages.

Information on Red Flag warnings is available from Boulder County dispatchers, local media outlets, and the National Weather Service.



### DEFINITION

**OPEN BURN** An open burn is any burn from which the smoke enters the ambient air without first passing through a chimney or scrubber.



### VIEW ENTIRE ORDINANCE

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/government/pages/countyordinances.aspx>



### QUESTIONS

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