

Fire Prevention and You...

As you head outdoors to enjoy the beautiful summer months in Lakewood, remember to check to see if Lakewood is under any fire restrictions or a ban at Lakewood.org/FireRestrictions. Also, look for signs at park entrances announcing fire restrictions or a ban.

Keep in mind the following activities are always prohibited even when not under fire restrictions or a fire ban:

- Burning in a careless manner, leaving a fire unattended or failing to extinguish any fire.
- Burning trash or debris.
- Using ANY fireworks including sparklers, Roman candles, sky lanterns or any other device containing an explosive substance.
- Open burning without a permit and failing to take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires.

During times of drought and high fire danger, the City can institute citywide fire restrictions or a fire ban that limit certain activities as a step toward preventing wildland and other fires. The activities that are prohibited and allowed under fire restrictions and a ban are listed in this brochure along with related definitions to help you understand the restrictions and ban.

If you have a fire emergency, dial 911. West Metro Firefighter/Paramedics will respond to your emergency.

Questions?

West Metro Fire Rescue
303-989-4307
www.WestMetroFire.org
www.Lakewood.org/FireRestrictions



Liquid or gas fueled appliance: appliances such as fire pits, grills, camp stoves and Tiki torches that burn liquid or gaseous fuels and can be shut off. This does not include any device that burns solid fuels such as wood or charcoal and must be extinguished.

Portable outdoor fireplace: a commercially purchased portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. It may have a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening.

Recreational fire: any outdoor fire not contained in a portable outdoor fireplace or barbecue grill and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth or similar purposes. This includes campfires, "warming fires," 55-gallon drum fires and barbecue pit fires.

Undeveloped areas: Lands that are not manicured or watered where grasses, brush and trees have been allowed to grow in a natural way, including areas such as greenbelts, open spaces and Lakewood parks that are not manicured.



Fire Restrictions

What do I need to know?



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Lakewood.org/FireRestrictions

Stage 1: Fire Restrictions

- No recreational outdoor fires larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height that are not contained in a portable outdoor fireplace or barbecue grill.
- No bonfires, lighting of fused explosives or burning of fence lines or rows, grasslands, fields, farmlands, ditches, rangelands and undeveloped areas.
- No smoking in a developed recreation site or while outside unless you are in an enclosed vehicle or building or you are standing in an area 6 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material. Permitted smoking in outdoor areas of businesses is allowed. Smoking materials must be discarded in approved containers.
- No use of model rockets in City parks.

Stage 1 Allowable Activities:

- Liquid or gas fueled appliances including Tiki torches, liquid gas grills and lanterns.
- Commercially purchased wood pellet grills.
- Charcoal barbecue grills and portable outdoor fireplaces if they are more than 30 feet from an undeveloped area. Manufacturer's instructions must be followed with all covers, screens and grates in place.
- Recreational fires that are more than 30 feet from an undeveloped area and are no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. In park and recreation areas, recreational fires are allowed in designated fire rings or grills that are more than 30 feet from an undeveloped area.

Stage 2: Fire Ban

- All Stage 1 restrictions remain in place.
- No recreational fires. This prohibits any outdoor fires not contained in a portable fireplace or barbecue grill, including fires for decorative, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.
- No welding or operating an acetylene torch with an open flame except inside an enclosed structure or within an area that is barren or cleared of all combustible material at least 30 feet in all directions.
- No operation of hand-held internal combustion engine (chainsaw) within 30 feet of an undeveloped area without a federal government or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) approved spark arresting device, an extinguishing source and a large shovel available.

Stage 2 Allowable Activities:

- Liquid or gas fueled appliances including Tiki torches, liquid gas grills and lanterns.
- Charcoal barbecue grills and portable outdoor fireplaces if they are more than 30 feet from an undeveloped area. Manufacturer's instructions must be followed with all covers, screens and grates in place.
- Commercially purchased wood pellet grills.
- Welding and combustion engines as allowed above in Stage 2 restrictions.

Photo Guide



Portable fireplace



Portable fireplace (chiminea)



Spark arresting device



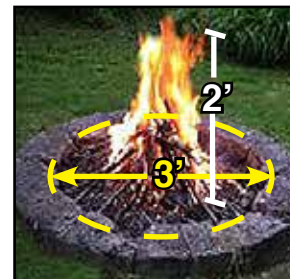
Liquid fueled Tiki



Fire ring



Charcoal barbecue grill



Campfire dimensions



Wood pellet grill