

## GENERAL OPEN FLAME POLICY & RESTRICTIONS

Pinewood Springs FPD is affected by four sets of rules pertaining to outdoor fires. These four sets of rules are all intended to minimize fire hazard, but often have significant differences. This document is advisory in nature and does not take precedence over any regulations or restrictions issued by Boulder County, Larimer County or the United States Forest Service. You must adhere to the most restrictive rules that apply geographically, so are urged to check the following sites for the latest definitive information regarding outdoor fires:

- ✓ Larimer County [Larimer County](#)
- ✓ Boulder County [Fire Restrictions - Boulder County](#)
- ✓ US Forest Service [http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/arp/alerts-notice/?cid=fsm91\\_058167](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/arp/alerts-notice/?cid=fsm91_058167)
- ✓ Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District [www.pinewoodspringsfire.org](http://www.pinewoodspringsfire.org)

## PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPEN FLAME POLICY

The PSFPD policy on outdoor fires is based on the principle that **we will not tolerate open flames within the district** except under specific restrictions detailed in this Open Flame Policy.

Our **“No Open Flame”** policy is more restrictive than either Boulder County or Larimer County and applies to all properties within the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District. Any outdoor burning that is allowed without a permit will be allowed only according to the policy details and only if fully enclosed by non-combustible materials designed to prevent the spread of flame, sparks, and embers.

All outdoor flames within the fire district **must be completely enclosed** to prevent the escape of embers. Any combination of non-combustible walls, lids, or screens which fully enclose the fire are acceptable. All screens must be made of materials which have open spaces **no larger than ¼ inch**. Even when fully enclosed, any open flame should be kept a safe distance from structures, vegetation and other flammable materials.

Distribution: **PROPERTY OWNERS/PUBLIC**

<b>ALWAYS ALLOWED- (Typically not affected by restrictions)</b>	
Item	Requirements
Fireplace or Stove (indoor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be equipped with spark arresting device</li> </ul>
Gas Grill or gas-fueled Outdoor Fireplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enclosed by non-combustible walls</li> </ul>
Lantern (gas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enclosed by metal, glass, or combination.</li> </ul>

<b>ALLOWED UNDER LOW-THREAT CONDITIONS</b> (Not allowed under Larimer County Fire Restrictions or during Fire Weather or Red Flag conditions.)	
Item	Requirements
Charcoal or Wood Grill, Barbeque, Smoker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enclosed by non-combustible walls, lid, screen, or combination.</li> <li>• Must be on a non-combustible surface at least 10 ft. in diameter.</li> </ul>
Outdoor Fireplace/Chiminea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enclosed by non-combustible walls, lid, screen, or combination.</li> <li>• Must be on a non-combustible surface at least 10 ft. in diameter.</li> </ul>
Campfire/Cooking Fire (with screen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enclosed by walls and screen with maximum ¼" diameter openings.</li> <li>• Maximum size: 2 ft. diameter x 3 ft. high</li> </ul>
Slash Burn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With permit (County &amp; Fire District must both endorse) between October 1 and April 30</li> <li>• Size limit: 8 ft. diameter x 6 ft. high</li> </ul>
Smoking (outdoors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be over a non-combustible surface even in low-threat conditions.</li> </ul>
Welding (outdoors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be over a non-combustible surface even in low-threat conditions.</li> </ul>
Flares (traffic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be over a non-combustible surface even in low-threat conditions.</li> </ul>

<b>NOT ALLOWED WITHIN PINWOOD SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b>	
Item	Requirements
Tiki Torch/ Smudge Pot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No open flame lighting devices are allowed within the fire district.</li> </ul>
Bonfire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonfires not Permitted. Permits issued only for open burning of slash.</li> </ul>
Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fireworks emitting sparks or flame are not permitted within the Fire District.</li> <li>• Aerial or exploding fireworks. (Not permitted in Colorado).</li> </ul>