# Just the facts

A quick-reference guide to the basics of open burning in Boulder County

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**Notifications you must make**
- **Slash Piles**: Fire Protection Agency, Boulder County Communications, CDPHE/APCD¹
- **Broadcast Burn**: Fire Protection Agency, Boulder County Communications, CDPHE/APCD²
- **Agricultural Fire**: Fire Protection Agency, Boulder County Communications
- **Recreational Fire**: Boulder County Communications recommended

**Times you may burn**
- **Slash Piles**: 10:00am-4:00pm (Nov 1-Feb 29), 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset (Mar 1-Oct 31)
- **Broadcast Burn**: 10:00am-4:00pm (Nov 1-Feb 29), 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset (Mar 1-Oct 31)
- **Agricultural Fire**: No limitations
- **Recreational Fire**: No limitations

**Dates allowed**
- **Slash Piles**: All year (Above 6400’), Mar 1-Oct 31 (At or below 6400’)
- **Broadcast Burn**: All year (Above 6400’), Mar 1-Oct 31 (At or below 6400’)
- **Agricultural Fire**: All year
- **Recreational Fire**: All year

**Snow cover required**
- **Mountains**: 5” of snow that extends 30’ in all directions from pile(s)
- **Plains**: No snow cover required
- **Slash Piles**: None
- **Broadcast Burn**: None
- **Agricultural Fire**: None
- **Recreational Fire**: None

**Deal Breakers**
- **Slash Piles**: Air Quality Action Day, High Wind Warning or Watch, Red Flag Warning, Fire Weather Watch, Burn Ban
- **Broadcast Burn**: Air Quality Action Day, High Wind Warning or Watch, Red Flag Warning, Fire Weather Watch, Burn Ban
- **Agricultural Fire**: NOT Recommended on High Wind Warning or Watch, Red Flag Warning, Fire Weather Watch, Burn Ban
- **Recreational Fire**: High Wind Warning or Watch, Red Flag Warning, Fire Weather Watch, Burn Ban

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¹ CDPHE/APCD: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment/Air Pollution Control Division, only if burning 50 or more piles.
² CDPHE/APCD: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment/Air Pollution Control Division, only if burning >10 acres of grass or >5 acres of other vegetation.
³ Deal Breakers: You may not burn if any one of the listed restrictions is in place, even if you have a valid permit.
4 “Mountains” 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.
5 Plains are defined as everything east of the “Mountains,” defined above.