

Just the facts

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



	<i>Slash Piles</i>	<i>Broadcast Burn</i>	<i>Agricultural Fire</i>	<i>Recreational Fire</i>
Permit required?	Yes	Yes	No	No
Notifications you must make	Fire Protection Agency Boulder County Communications CDPHE/APCD ¹	Fire Protection Agency Boulder County Communications CDPHE/APCD ²	Fire Protection Agency Boulder County Communications	Boulder County Communications recommended
Times you may burn	10:00am-4:00pm (Nov 1-Feb 29) 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset (Mar 1- Oct 31)	10:00am-4:00pm (Nov 1-Feb 29) 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset (Mar 1- Oct 31)	No limitations	No limitations
Dates allowed	All year (Above 6400') Mar 1-Oct 31 (At or below 6400')	All year (Above 6400') Mar 1-Oct 31 (At or below 6400')	All year	All year
Snow cover required	Mountains ⁴ 5" of snow that extends 30' in all directions from pile(s) Plains ⁵ No snow cover required	None	None	None
Deal Breakers ³	Air Quality Action Day High Wind Warning or Watch Red Flag Warning Fire Weather Watch Burn Ban	Air Quality Action Day High Wind Warning or Watch Red Flag Warning Fire Weather Watch Burn Ban	NOT Recommended on High Wind Warning or Watch Red Flag Warning Fire Weather Watch Burn Ban	High Wind Warning or Watch Red Flag Warning Fire Weather Watch Burn Ban

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.