

Boulder County Fire Ban Is In Effect for the Foothills west of Broadway.

Chief Benson sends these common-sense rules to help you comply with the fire ban and help keep our community fire safe.

✘ **NO PARKING ON GRASS, NO DRIVING OFF ROAD** or off motorized trails. Heat from a catalytic converter can spark a wildfire.

✘ **NO OUTDOOR SMOKING.** Smoke only in an enclosed space—a building or a vehicle—and keep matches and butts inside, too. A cigarette butt tossed out a car window can start a fire.

✘ **NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES.** Anywhere. Use only gas grills or gas fire pits. Be sure they are **THREE FEET** from vegetation and that you have a hose or fire extinguisher at hand when they are in use.

✘ **NO WELDING, GRINDING or TORCHES.** Be sure tradespeople working on your property know that they cannot use any powered tool without a spark arrester and without proper fire extinguishing equipment at hand.

✘ **NO CHAINSAWS, DIRT BIKES, GENERATORS** (anything with an internal combustion engine) unless it has a properly functioning spark arrester.

✘ **NO EXPLOSIVES,** including fireworks, fuses, tracers, rockets, incendiary ammunition.

Take these steps to protect your property:

- ✓ Rake dead grass and needles **THREE to FIVE** feet away from structures and decks.
- ✓ Weed whack tall grasses to a few inches.
- ✓ Attach your garden hoses and keep them stretched around the perimeter of your home so firefighters can use them to protect your home.
- ✓ Move woodpiles away from and upslope from your home.

Be prepared to evacuate:

- Have your go bag and your pets' go bag ready, including important documents, meds and supplies for a few days' absence from your home.
- Be sure you are signed up for Boulder County emergency alerts on **ALL** your phones, including mobile phones and including text, email **AND** voice notices: www.boco911alert.com
- Stay abreast of conditions in our fire district, including flood watch, fire alerts, and road closures. Subscribe to the BMFPD Public Information Twitter feed: [@bouldermtnfire](https://twitter.com/bouldermtnfire), or text "follow boudermtnfire" to 40404 to get info as text messages.