



MEDIA RELEASE

FOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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The Fountain Fire Department has determined the fire danger warrants a move to Stage I Fire Restrictions. These restrictions are effective at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. These updated restrictions will remain in place until the conditions permit the change.

Conditions are dry throughout El Paso County and there is an abundance of tall vegetation due to the lack of snow fall in the region. With the constant cold fronts moving in producing low humidity and strong winds it is in the City of Fountain’s best interest to move into Stage I Fire Restrictions.

The Fountain Fire Department urges all citizens of and visitors to Fountain to abide by the Order and share in the responsibility of keeping our community safe. Please report any suspected violations of the Order by calling 719-390-5555.

For details on fire restrictions within the City of Fountain please refer to the table below:

City of Fountain Fire Department Fire/Burn Information For inside the City Limits of Fountain

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

RED FLAG WARNINGS, all Activities are Not Allowed

Activity	Stage 1 Burn Restrictions	Stage 2 Burn Restrictions
Outdoor blasting, welding, and torches	Allowed with permit	Allowed with permit
Campfires in developed campgrounds/picnic ground	Allows in permanently constructed fire grates, charcoal grills, and wood burning stoves	Allowed in gas fueled (LPG or CNG) constructed recreational fire pit
Model rockets	Not allowed	Not allowed
Public prescribed burning/burn permits	Not allowed	Not allowed
Outdoor smoking	No smoking outside except in an enclosed building or vehicle, a developed recreational site or while stopped in an area with at least a 3 feet in diameter that is barren of and cleared of all flammable materials.	No smoking outside, only in an enclosed vehicle or building

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Sale or use fireworks	Not allowed	Not allowed
Outdoor cooking (private property)	Allowed if they are smaller than 3 feet in diameter and less than two feet high, that are kindled for the purpose of cooking food using only clean dry, untreated wood or charcoal, which are contained by fireplaces, fire pits, (free standing and/or above ground), barbecues or other systems approved by the City of Fountain Fire Department	Allowed if the fire is contained within gas fueled (LPG or CNG) grills or electric pellet fed smokers
Outdoor fire at residence (recreational fire pits)	Allowed if the fire is contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, indoor fire places and wood burning stoves. Allowed in permanently constructed fire grates, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves in outdoor areas cleared of all combustibles, using dry untreated wood and or charcoal	Allowed in gas fueled (LPG or CNG) constructed recreational fire pit

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