



# MEDIA RELEASE



FOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

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Effective Friday, January 6, 2023, Stage One Fire Restrictions have been lifted for the City of Fountain.

The City of Fountain has received enough snow fall and moisture to lower the concerns of fire development. Winds are predicted to be minimal for the next week and some more moisture is in the upcoming weather forecast. We will continue to monitor weather and fire danger conditions and we may enact restrictions as needed in the weeks to come.

Illegal within the City of Fountain:

- Open burning activities without a permit from El Paso County Public Health: fires used for ditch clearing, range/wildlife management, disease or pest prevention and/or control, and wildfire risk reduction.
- Recreational fireworks: Possession, use, and/or the sale of illegal fireworks is illegal.

Allowed within the City of Fountain:

- Recreational fires: outdoor fire where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, or BBQ grill and it is recommended to have total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. They shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Fireplaces and Fire Appliances: a fire contained within a portable or fixed outdoor fireplace or fire appliance shall be fueled by wood, pellets, charcoal and/or liquid propane gas (LPG), natural gas or liquid gas. They must maintain a minimum distance of 15 feet between a neighboring structure and combustible material.

The Fountain Fire Department urges all citizens of Fountain to continue to use caution when using any open fire and or flame producing devices. Remember to always keep a safe area and make sure to keep fire suppression items available. Please report any suspected violations of the order by calling 719-390-5555.

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