



## Utah County Fire Marshal

### Unincorporated Utah County Outdoor Fires

**Agricultural and Open Burning** for yard cleanup require a burn permit. See [the Permit Applications & Requirements](#) on the fire marshal's web page: <http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/Firemarshal/>

**Best Practice:** Register all outdoor fires on the Burn Notice Form. <http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/Firemarshal/>

#### **Special Event Fires:**

- A special use permit is required for larger events. Contact 801-851-8352. A special event or mass gathering permit will also be required by the; Utah County Public Works Office, Utah County Sheriff's Office, Utah County Health Department and the Utah County Fire Marshal's Office. \*  
This kind of even may require Local Fire Department. Refer to your local City Fire Codes.
- Bond fire fuels may be no higher than 5 feet tall. No pallets or old lumber can be used.
- Reference to the International Fire Code and the UC ordinance Chapter 9 for more details.

**Recreational fires** located in Unincorporated Utah County are allowed and are subject to the following:

- Location on private property by the private property owner for a group size of less than 50 and family events or religious events only.
- Burning of trash or household garbage is not permitted.
- Shall not create a nuisance.
- Shall not be conducted when fire restrictions are in place. See [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).
- Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Constantly attended by the property owner or designee.
- Masonry or similar outdoor pits, fireplaces with chimneys above 6 feet are required to have a permit.
- Use the manufactured fire pit spark arrestors. Spark arrestors can be domed or flat. A Spark arrester shall be constructed of woven or welded wire screening of 12 USA standard gage wire (0.1046 inch) (2.66 mm) having openings not exceeding 1 /2 inch (12.7 mm).
- Fuel load should be no higher than 3 feet wide by 1 foot high.
- Any Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Fire Warden having jurisdiction, or their designee has the authority to extinguish unsafe fires.
- Fires in Urban-Wildland Interface (WUI) areas of Utah County are subject to additional restrictions. Refer to the Utah County ordinance regarding outdoor fires in the Wildland Urban Interface Code for outdoor fires.

#### **Utah County ordinance regarding outdoor fires in the Wildland/Urban Interface Areas.**

##### **9-6-9. Outdoor Fires**

(a) No person shall build, ignite or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose in or on any Wildland-Urban Interface area, except by the authority of a written permit from the code official.

*Exception 1:* Outdoor fires specifically allowed by any governmental agency having jurisdiction over the land.

*Exception 2:* (a) Outdoor fires within inhabited premises or designated campsites where such fires are in a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, outdoor fireplace, incinerator or grill and are a minimum of thirty (30) feet from any combustible material or non-fire-resistive vegetation.

(b) No person shall use a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, outdoor fireplace or grill for the disposal of rubbish, trash or combustible waste material.

(c) Incinerators, outdoor fireplaces, permanent barbecues and grills shall not be built, installed or maintained in Wildland/Urban Interface areas without approval of the code official. Openings in such appliances shall be provided with an approved spark arrestor, screen or door.

(d) The pile of fuel to be burned in the fire area for recreational fires shall not be larger than 3 feet in diameter and 1 foot high.

(e) A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire- extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

(f) Recreational fires are required to be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment. The attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished. (Ord. 2015-2, 02-03-15).

(g) Openings in fireplaces – including fire pits – shall be provided with an approved spark arrestor, screen or door. Fire pits shall have a flat or domed spark screen construction of woven or welded wire or approved metal and having openings not exceeding ½ inch. (Ord. 2015-2,02-03-15; Ord. 2016-20, 7-12-16).