



# Fire Protection District

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## DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION

*Fire Pits, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, and Recreational Fires*

*The use of portable outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, or chimineas (recreational fires) are permissible within the Fairmount Fire Protection District if the following guidelines from the 2012 International Fire Code are followed and there are no fire bans/restrictions in place by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office:*

### IFC (307.1.1) **Prohibited Open Burning-**

Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Burning of trash, garbage, construction debris and other man made materials is **NOT** permitted in Jefferson County.

### IFC (307.3) **Extinguishment Authority-**

Fairmount Fire Protection District personnel are authorized to extinguish, or order the extinguishment of any fire that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. The appropriate law enforcement agency may be contacted if applicable.

### IFC (307.4.2) **Recreational Fires-**

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**\*\*\* Recreational fires shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter and must remain 2 feet or less in height**

### IFC (307.4.3) **Portable Outdoor Fireplaces-**

A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**\*\*\* Fires in approved containers. Such as covered fire pits and chimineas, shall not be within 15 feet of any structure.**

### IFC (307.5) **Attendance-**

Open burning, recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose or water truck, water barrel, or dirt shall be available for immediate utilization.

*The Fairmount Fire Protection District, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department may implement Burn Restrictions at any time if atmospheric or environmental circumstances create the potential for hazardous fire conditions.*

Open Burn Permits are required for irrigation ditch burns, agricultural burns, and bonfires. Contact the Fairmount Fire Protection District during normal business hours at (303) 279-2928 in order to apply for an Open Burn Permit. The applicant must be the legal owner of the property on which the fire is kindled. Burn Permits can only be issued between March 1st and October 31st due to Jefferson County Public Health regulations (<http://health.jeffco.us> or (303) 271-5714).