



Recreational Fires

Within Adams County Fire Protection District

What is a recreational fire?

- The noncommercial burning of materials for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, or similar purposes in which the fuel burned is not contained in an incinerator, barbecue grill, or a barbecue pit, and the total fuel area is not exceeding 3 ft. in diameter and 2 ft. in height.
- The burning of yard waste, leaves, garbage or other rubbish is prohibited in the Adams County Fire Protection District, unless specifically exempted.
- A recreational fire shall not be located within 25 ft. of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- Recreational fires in an approved device shall be kept 15 ft. from structures and combustible material.
- Fires must be constantly attended by a competent person with a connected garden hose to a water supply or a fire extinguisher until such fire is extinguished.

Is there a Burning Restriction?

Burning restrictions are set forth by the Adams County Sheriff.

- **Level 1** – No Burning Restrictions. (The ONLY time recreational fires are allowed)
- **Level 2** – Restrictions Required Due to Severe Dry Conditions.
- **Level 3** – Extreme Conditions. No Open Burning allowed.

To check the current burn restrictions, go to:

<http://www.adcogov.org/news/burn-restriction-adams-county>

What is an Approved Fire Pit?

Examples of approved containers



All Fire Pit devices shall have spark arrestors.

What is a Spark Arrestor?



- Spark arrestors shall have heat and corrosion resistance equivalent to 19 gauge galvanized steel or 24-gauge stainless steel.
- Openings shall not allow the passage of spheres having a diameter of less than 3/8 in.
- The spark screen shall be accessible for cleaning, and the screen or chimney cap shall be removable to allow cleaning of the chimney flue

Questions: Contact Adams County Fire Protection District 303-539-6862