

Bonfire or Recreational Fires

The following guidelines are based on the 2021 International Fire Code, as adopted by the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. In the event of burn restrictions (“Red Flag” warnings, etc.) or other restrictive orders from federal, state or local governments, additional regulations may apply. Please consult the Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority when a campfire is being developed.

When building a fire pit for a bonfire or recreational fire:

- Build a fire pit that is 3 feet or less in diameter.
- The pit shall be no closer than 25 feet to any structure.
- While the pit is not required to be lined with concrete or masonry it is strongly suggested, a liner will further reduce the fire hazard of a fire escaping.
- A height of no more than 2 feet of combustible material may be loaded into the fire pit.
- While a fire is burning, a person(s) shall be in continual attendance until the fire is out and the extinguished material is cold and without sparks.
- Fire extinguishing tools such as water, dirt, sand, shovels, rakes and/or a 4A rated (minimum) extinguisher will be in close proximity.
- Open burning of materials which may produce offensive or objectionable odors and smoke are strictly prohibited.
- Before a fire is started and after it is out, please call Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center at (970) 920-5310 to inform them that a recreational fire is planned. They need to know as nearby persons may report a fire to 911.
- Roaring Fork Fire Rescue may extinguish the fire if a hazardous condition exists.

We hope that the above guidelines will provide useful information for your open fire plans. Your cooperation in conforming to the above is greatly appreciated. Feel free to call with any questions.



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