



City of Cottonwood
Fire & Medical Department
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City of Cottonwood Lifts Fire Restrictions

Due to recent rains, the City of Cottonwood is lifting fire restrictions effective at 8:00 a.m., on **Monday, August 1, 2016.**

Consequently, effective Monday, August 1, people may use grills utilizing charcoal, natural gas and propane. Residential fire pits and UL listed, natural gas or propane flame producing heating/warming appliances are allowed provided they are utilized safely. Outdoor use of chain saws, grinders, welders and other spark producing equipment is also allowed provided that they are used a safe distance from combustible materials.

Burning of weeds, grass and other untreated organic materials in accordance with valid annual burn permits obtained from the Cottonwood Fire Department will also be allowed beginning August 1, 2016 in accordance with city burn permit regulations.

Residents are encouraged to continue to exercise caution and good judgment in all use of fire. The following suggestions will help keep you and our community safe:

- Propane grills are preferred over charcoal grills during high fire danger periods.
- Charcoal grills should have a functioning lid.
- Locate your grill at least 10 feet from combustibles (home, wood piles, vegetation, etc.).
- Keep a garden hose readily available nearby.
- A competent, unimpaired adult should be in attendance until the fire is DEAD OUT!
- Charcoal should be placed in a metal container and soaked with water after use to ensure complete extinguishment.
- The Fire Department may establish additional requirements, up to and including the extinguishment of any fire, on a case-by-case basis to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Cottonwood.

Please contact the Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department at 634-2741 if you have any questions.

Have a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer!