



City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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FIRE RESTRICTIONS

In cooperation with the National Forests and Yavapai County, the City of Cottonwood is implementing fire restrictions effective at **Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**

These restrictions prohibit all open fires and campfires. Other types of outdoor fires banned are those that produce open flames such as oil burning Tiki lamps. Fireworks and other pyrotechnic displays are expressly prohibited. The City of Cottonwood has a zero tolerance policy toward the use of illegal fireworks and violators will be prosecuted.

These restrictions also prohibit the outdoor use of equipment that generates sparks or open flames. This restricts the use of welding equipment and chain saws. Variances for businesses however, can be requested from the Fire Marshal.

The City will continue to allow cooking on propane grills. Charcoal barbecue grills are also allowed so long as they are covered. The City will also allow the use of store-bought fire pits so long as they have screened covers that do not allow sparks to pass through.

Residents are encouraged to exercise caution and good judgment. 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 shall 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.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!