



## City of Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department



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### City of Cottonwood Implements Fire Restrictions

In cooperation with the National Forests and Yavapai County, the City of Cottonwood is implementing fire restrictions effective **Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**

These restrictions prohibit all open fires, fire pits and campfires (except those noted below). Also, no burn permits will be issued and existing burn permits are hereby suspended. Fireworks and other pyrotechnic displays are prohibited, unless permitted by the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief. 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 outdoor use of welding equipment, grinders and chain saws. However, variances for use of spark producing devices can be requested from the Fire Marshal and /or Fire Chief.

The City will continue to allow cooking on propane grills and the use of UL listed, natural gas or propane flame producing heating/warming appliances located at least 10 feet from combustible materials. Charcoal barbecue grills are prohibited in city parks and public areas; however will be allowed at private residences so long as they are covered. Smoking in city parks shall be limited to designated smoking areas.

Any exceptions to these restrictions require approval from the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief.

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.

Please contact Cottonwood Fire Marshal Rick Contreras or Fire Chief Mike Kuykendall at 634-2741 if you have any questions. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!