

## RED FLAG WARNINGS

A **Red Flag Warning**, also known as a Fire Weather Warning, is a forecast warning issued by the National Weather Service to inform area firefighting and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire ignition and rapid propagation. After drought conditions and when humidity is very low, and especially when high or erratic winds (which may include lightning) are a factor, the Red Flag Warning becomes a critical statement for firefighting agencies. They usually include the daily vegetation moisture content calculations, expected afternoon high temperature, afternoon minimum relative humidity and daytime wind speed.

To the public, a Red Flag Warning means high fire danger with increased probability of a quickly spreading vegetation fire in the area within 24 hours. **People should always check the weather and not burn during Red Flag Warnings.**



In case of wildfire or other emergency, please go to:

[gcemergency.com](http://gcemergency.com) or dial **2-1-1**

You will be provided with emergency information and any evacuation notices.

## YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE HERE TO HELP

Grand Fire (Granby)  
60500 US Hwy 40, PO Box 338  
Granby, CO 80446  
(970) 887.3380  
[grandfire.org](http://grandfire.org)



Grand Lake Fire  
201 W Portal Rd, PO Box 1408  
Grand Lake, CO 80447  
(970) 627.8428  
[grandlakefire.org](http://grandlakefire.org)

Hot Sulphur Springs/Parshall Fire  
286 Grand Ave, PO Box 45  
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451  
(970) 725.3414  
[hotsulphurfire.com](http://hotsulphurfire.com)



East Grand Fire (Fraser/Winter Park)  
77601 US Hwy 40, PO Box 2967  
Winter Park, CO 80482  
(970) 726.5824  
[eastgrandfire.com](http://eastgrandfire.com)

Kremmling Fire  
1320 Eagle Ave, PO Box 6  
Kremmling, CO 80459  
(970) 724.3795  
[kremmlingfire.org](http://kremmlingfire.org)



## FIRE INFORMATION



FOR  
GRAND  
COUNTY  
COLORADO



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!



## Campfires

Improperly doused or misplaced fires are one of the leading causes of wildfires. Before starting a fire, check your area's current restriction status to make sure conditions are safe for an open flame. Never burn in high winds or leave a fire unattended. Do not make excessively large fires as these can

quickly get out of control (three feet wide is the max). Campfires should be surrounded by metal or rocks and be located a minimum of 10 feet away from any potential combustibles. Make sure to only burn firewood and nothing else. Also, keep a shovel, an extinguisher and water nearby to quickly put out the fire should the situation arise. Completely extinguish a fire with sufficient dousing and covering with dirt before leaving the campsite. It must be out COLD!

## Slash Pile Burning

Burning slash is a common practice for removing unwanted tree trimmings or leaves and is often an easier solution than bagging and hauling the waste. The danger with burning slash comes from winds, which can blow burning yard waste and embers far away and easily ignite combustible vegetation. Legal slash pile burning in Grand County is open from approximately November 1st to April 1st and is regulated by the Division of Natural Resources. More information is available by calling (970) 887-0745 or by visiting the DNR page on Grand County's website: [www.co.grand.co.us](http://www.co.grand.co.us).

## Cigarettes

To prevent cigarettes from starting wildfires, always dispose of them in places where they cannot be a source of ignition. Placing a cigarette in a cup of water after use is a great way to prevent them from causing fires. Ashtrays work well too, but make sure they are contained and that the still-lit butt cannot blow toward a potential source of ignition. Never simply discard a cigarette on the ground or throw it out a car window.

# FIRE RESTRICTIONS 101

**Stage 1 Fire Restrictions** are in effect during periods of high to extreme fire danger. They include:

- No open fires EXCEPT in developed campgrounds or picnic areas with permanently constructed fire grates and/or charcoal grills
- No use of open flame torches or explosives
- No operation of any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device, properly installed, maintained and in effective working order
- Smoking only permitted in an enclosed vehicle or building, or while stopped in an area at least 3' in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials

### Exceptions:

- Petroleum-fueled stoves, grills, lanterns and heating devices are permitted only if they meet fire underwriter's safety specifications
- Owners/leasers of residences may have fires on their private property in permanently constructed fire rings/pits and charcoal grills
- Persons with a special permit specifically authorizing their behavior

**Stage 2 Fire Restrictions** are in effect during periods of high to extreme fire danger. They include:

- No open fires or campfires of any kind
- No use of open flame torches or explosives
- No operation of any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device, properly installed, maintained and in effective working order
- Smoking only permitted in an enclosed vehicle or building

### Exceptions:

- Petroleum-fueled stoves, grills, lanterns and heating devices are permitted only if they meet fire underwriter's safety specifications
- Owners/leasers of residences may have fires within the home
- Persons with a special permit specifically authorizing their behavior

**Fire restrictions can originate from many places, causing confusion for the public.** Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service can impose restrictions on the public land they manage. Individual states can impose restrictions on state-managed land. Counties may impose restrictions or bans on private lands within county borders. This can be very confusing and frustrating, especially when adjacent lands have different restrictions depending on the administering agency.

**Information on fire restrictions and bans can change rapidly.** The most current information can and should be obtained from your local county and/or federal land managers. Be sure you are aware of the current restriction status! Call your local fire department or the Sheriff's Dispatch Center (970-725-3311) or visit these sites for more information:

Grand County Sheriff  
@GrandCountySheriff  
[co.grand.co.us](http://co.grand.co.us)  
(970) 725-3343

Grand County  
Emergency Mgmt.  
@GrandCountyOEM  
[gcemergency.com](http://gcemergency.com)  
(970) 887-2732

BLM Colorado  
@BLMColoradoFire  
[blm.gov](http://blm.gov)  
(970) 724-3000

Rocky Mountain  
National Park  
@RockyNPS  
[nps.gov/romo](http://nps.gov/romo)  
(970) 586-1206

Arapaho/Roosevelt  
@usfsarp  
[www.fs.usda.gov/  
main/arp/fire](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/arp/fire)  
(970) 498-1030