

TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS
NO SHOOTING

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY
STATE OF COLORADO

These Temporary Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, dated and executed below, supersede all previous Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans.

THESE TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL LANDS IN
UNINCORPORATED CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

Pursuant to the 2025 Clear Creek County Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans; and due to the continuing high fire danger conditions and corresponding Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service for all or portions of Clear Creek County, the following activities are prohibited pursuant to Stage 1 Restrictions:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire as defined in Ordinance No. 16, or using a fire, including charcoal grills, and barbeques, coal and wood burning stoves and shepherd's stoves.
2. Sale, possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and use on public lands as identified above, **except municipal-conducted fireworks shows** with liability insurance, fire mitigation in preparation and fire suppression on scene during and as needed after the display. This order as it relates to fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices shall expire when this ban is lifted.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.
4. All other outdoor spark or flame producing activities.
5. Shooting (discharging of firearms of any kind) IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT when engaging in legal hunting activities with a valid hunting license.

"Open Fire" is defined in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16 as: "Any fire outdoors for any purpose, including, but not limited to, bonfires, campfires, charcoal or wood barbeques; lighting off fireworks of any kind, trash or rubbish burning, smoking and lawn, weed, ditch or crop burning"; but excludes "propane or natural gas barbeque or liquid fuel stove if it is attended at all times and is in a fully enclosed, covered barbeque grill or is contained within a liquid fuel stove."

NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of these Temporary Fire Restrictions shall not be authorized unless approved by the issuing agency on the day of execution.

Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- ▶ Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff or appropriate Fire Authority which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- ▶ Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- ▶ Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet away from any flammable materials.
- ▶ Residents, owners or lessees within the areas above who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA - or SAE - approved spark arrestor.
- ▶ Charcoal grill fires at private residences.
- ▶ Open fires required in religious ceremonies and for which a valid written permit has been granted in advance by the local Fire Department or District.

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby; and/or
2. Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby and/or
3. Coordination with the local Fire Department or District to be on scene or standby during an activity.

ENFORCEMENT

Violators may be charged with 4th degree Arson, and/or Reckless Endangerment, or unlawful conduct on public or private property, or as provided in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16, as determined by the Sheriff.

These Temporary Fire Restrictions will become effective at 10:00 AM MST on February 24, 2026, and shall remain in effect 5:00 PM MST on February 24, 2026.

Executed this 24th day of February, at 10:00 AM MST.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF


By: Ronald Thornton, Sheriff