

# Fire Restrictions



The El Paso County Sheriff also has the duties as the County Fire Marshall. As Fire Marshall, the Sheriff is tasked with monitoring fire danger levels and, when necessary, enacting restrictions to outdoor burning. Those restrictions are determined after consulting with county fire chiefs, and can be enacted in one of two levels:

| Activity  | Stage 1 Burn Restrictions  | Stage 2 Burn Restrictions                                   |
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| Outdoor blasting, welding, and torches            | Allowed with caution   | Allowed with Sheriff's Office Permit                        |
| Campfires in developed campgrounds/picnic grounds | Allowed in permanently constructed fire grates, charcoal grills, and wood burning stoves   | Not allowed   |
| Model rockets                                     | Not allowed  | Not allowed   |
| Public Prescribed burning/Burn permits            | Not allowed  | Not allowed   |
| Outdoor smoking                                   | No smoking outside except in an enclosed building or vehicle, a developed recreational site or while stopped in an area with at least a 3 feet in diameter that is barren of and cleared of all flammable materials.   | No smoking outside, only in an enclosed vehicle or building |
| Sale or use fireworks                             | Not allowed  | Not allowed   |
| Outdoor cooking (private property)                | Allowed if they are smaller than three feet in diameter and less than two feet high, that are kindled for the purpose of cooking food using only clean dry, untreated wood or charcoal, which are contained by fireplaces, fire pits, (free standing and/or above ground), barbecues or other systems approved by the local special district having fire jurisdiction or the El Paso County Sheriff's Office | Not allowed   |
| Outdoor fires at residence                        | Allowed if the fire is contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, indoor fire places and wood burning stoves. Allowed in permanently constructed fire grates, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves in outdoor areas cleared of all combustibles, using dry untreated wood and or charcoal   | Not allowed   |