Larimer County open fire ban in effect

On recommendation from the Larimer County Sheriff, the Board of Larimer County Commissioners today voted 3-0 to adopt a resolution banning open fires in unincorporated Larimer County. The fire ban goes into effect today, August 18, 2020, and stays in effect until noon Sept. 18, 2020.

For questions on the ban contact the Larimer County Sheriff's Office at [970] 980-2501.

This fire ban replaces an earlier fire restriction adopted on July 21, 2020.

**The fire ban includes:**

- No open fires, no open burning.
- No welding, or operating acetylene or other torch.
- No smoking in the open, including trails, parks and open spaces or outside of buildings.
- No Fireworks or fireworks displays produced by combustion, detonation or deflagration.
- No incendiary devices, including sky lanterns, exploding ammunition, exploding targets, and tracer ammunition.
- No fires in permanently constructed outside stationary masonry or metal fireplaces.
- Charcoal and wood pellet grills.

**Not banned:**

- Operation of an internal combustion engine with a spark arresting device properly installed.
- Emergency signal devices and flares.
- Fires and wood stoves located inside permanent structures.
- Propane grills.
• Pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grill, or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet away from any flammable/combustible materials.

The Larimer County Sheriff may give limited exemptions from these restrictions based on his pre-approval and inspection. Any person who knowingly violates the restrictions can be fined. The ordinance for the Regulation of Open Burning in unincorporated Larimer County can be found here:

https://www.larimer.org/sites/default/files/fire_ban_ordinance.pdf