



# UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

## MEMORANDUM

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April 4, 2024

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Larson

SUBJECT: Recreational/Open Burning Fires

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With warmer weather approaching and the increase in campfires and backyard barbeques, please note the following:

### **Recreational Fires – Allowed (Campfire)**

The fire code allows residents to have small recreational fires at their residence. The fuel area cannot exceed 3 feet diameter by 2 feet in height. Burning is limited to dry, clean, natural materials.....no garbage, plastics, rubber, oils or construction waste.

- Keep open fires 25 feet away from structures or combustible materials. Fires contained in an improved barbecue pit or portable outdoor fireplace require a minimum of 15 feet of clearance. LP or natural gas fire pits or grills require 10 feet of clearance.
- Have a method of extinguishment readily available. Keep a garden hose or bucket of water close by.
- Fires must be constantly attended until fully extinguished.
- “Offensive, Objectionable, or Nuisance” fires are no longer required to be extinguished unless the fire is causing a hazardous situation. If all burning requirements are met and the fire is not causing a hazardous situation, the fire department does not have the authority to extinguish the fire.

### **Open Burning – Not Allowed (Salt Lake County)**

Residential open burning is the burning of clean yard waste, grass clippings, weeds, tree trimmings, etc.

### **Open Burning – Allowed By Permit (Utah County, Eagle Mountain), during open burn periods**

- Burn permits may be issued between March 30 and May 30 and between September 15 and October 30.
- Only residents on parcels 1 acre or greater are eligible to apply for a residential burn permit.
- The cost for the burn permit is \$25.

Detailed information can be found on our website at: [Open Burning - Unified Fire Authority](#)