

# Fire Restrictions



The El Paso County Sheriff also has the duties as the County Fire Warden. As Fire Warden, the Sheriff is tasked with monitoring fire danger levels and, when necessary, enacting restrictions to outdoor burning.

Activity	Stage 1 Burn Restrictions	Stage 2 Burn Restrictions
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