



WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUICK GUIDE TO ALLOWABLE BACKYARD FIRES

The Westminster Fire Department and the City of Westminster permit specific recreational fires. Open burning is not allowed. For further details on allowable activities, please refer to the details below. Please visit the [Permits page](#) on our website for additional information.

RECREATIONAL FIRES REQUIREMENTS

A recreational fire is a small, controlled fire typically used for personal enjoyment. These fires are allowed under the following requirements:

- Fire pit or container (permanent or portable) shall be specifically designed for safe containment of the fire.
- Fuel area must not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Must be located at least 25 feet from structures or combustible materials.
- Flames must not exceed 2 feet above the top of the fire pit.
- A water source or fire extinguisher must be readily available.
- The fire shall be constantly attended until extinguished.
- Only firewood may be burned.
- Burning leaves, yard waste, branches, or trash is prohibited.
- No burning of any kind is allowed on Red Flag Days.

OPEN BURNS:

Open burns of wood piles, vegetation, yard waste, or other unwanted materials, as well as for irrigation ditch control, weeds, or brush, are not permitted in the city.

Permits may be issued for certain bonfires and religious events.

Please call 303-658-4500 to inquire further about burn permits and allowable recreational fires.