



**ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM**

To: All affected agencies  
From: Warren Jones, Interim Fire Chief  
Estes Valley Fire Protection District  
Date: May 7, 2026  
Subject: Open Burning **BAN (Stage 2)**

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Due to continued dry conditions, the danger of wildland fire, forest, and grass fires is very high in the Estes Valley, and with Larimer County adoption of a Fire Ban on May 5, 2026 until May 26, 2026, where the Fire Ban will be reviewed for a determination of the use of fireworks we are enacting the following:

Pursuant to International Fire Code Section 307.1.1, I hereby issue an open burning **BAN (Stage 2)** within the Estes Valley Fire Protection District effective, 08:00, May 8, 2026.

Open burning that is **NOT** allowed under this fire ban includes:

- Wood burning recreational fires in a permanent enclosure or portable device designed to contain fire
- Open burning, pile burning, and other prescribed fire
- Charcoal and pellet fuel barbeque grills
- Smoking in the open

Open burning that is allowed includes:

- LPG or NG barbeque grills with a shut-off device
- LPG or NG burning recreational fires with a shut-off device
- Wood burning fires within an interior fireplace or wood stove that has a proper spark arresting cap

Please visit <https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/fire-restrictions-bans> for the most current fire restriction information, including an informational sheet showing what is permitted during Stage 2 Restrictions.

These restrictions are dependent on the current fire danger and will be evaluated regularly. This restriction shall be effective until otherwise lifted or changed by the Fire Chief or his designee. To learn more on preparing your property for the risk of wildfire, please visit our website at <https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/wildfire>.

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