



### **RECREATIONAL FIRES \* RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING \* AGRICULTURAL BURNING**

**RECREATIONAL FIRES:** Small recreational campfires are allowed. Fuel area cannot exceed 3ft diameter by 2ft in height. Burn only dry, clean, natural materials.....no garbage, tires, oil or construction waste. Prior to burning:

- Verify green burn conditions. Air quality forecast can be found at <https://air.utah.gov/>
- Keep open campfires 25 feet away from structures or combustible materials. Fires contained in improved barbeque pits or portable outdoor fireplace with spark arresting covers require a minimum of 15 feet of clearance from structures or combustible materials. Gas fire pits require a minimum of 10 feet of clearance.
- Have a method of extinguishment readily available.
- 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.

- Citizens will not use the fire department to resolve neighborhood disputes regarding smoke emissions. Such situations are civil matters rather than unlawful acts subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 110 of the 2018 International Fire Code.

**RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING:** Residential burning of clean yard waste, grass clippings, weeds, tree trimmings, etc.

**Salt Lake County:** Residential open burning is not allowed in Salt Lake County.

**Utah County:** Residential open burning is allowed by permit during the following open burn windows: March 30<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. Permits are \$25 and are good for the entire burn window.

Residential Burn Permits are issued by the UFA under the following criteria:

- Residential property must be (1) acre or larger.
- Burn Permit Application must be completed online with the Utah Department of Air Quality. Completed applications will be forwarded to UFA for processing. <https://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>
- \$25 permit fee must be paid to UFA online. <https://www.unifiedfire.org/make-a-payment/>
- Requires a site safety inspection. Permit will be issued by the UFA station crew following the site inspection.
- Permit holder must verify “green burn” conditions prior to burning. The air quality forecast can be found at <https://air.utah.gov/>
- Permit holder must contact Utah Valley Dispatch Burn Hotline @ (801) 374-2876 with name, address and time of burn.

**AGRICULTURAL BURNING:** Agricultural burning is allowed without a permit in both Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Burning is limited to agricultural and horticultural operations. Burning is limited to ditch banks, fence lines, field stubble, orchard pruning, controlled heating to prevent the freezing of crops, etc.

- A minimum of 5 contiguous acres of land used for Agricultural or Horticultural operation is required.
- Land is actively devoted to an agricultural use and is managed in such a way as to be profitable.
- Operation must meet the annual “per acre” production requirements for Salt Lake or Utah Counties.
- Must verify green burn conditions. The burn index can be found at <https://air.utah.gov/>
- Must contact VECC dispatch @ 801-840-4000 with name, address and time of burn prior to starting the burn operation in Salt Lake County.
- Must contact Utah Valley Dispatch Burn Hotline @ (801) 374-2876 with name, address and time of burn prior to starting the burn operation in Utah County.