

# Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Restrictions under Stage 1 prohibit starting fires outside of established campgrounds in metal or concrete fire pits, or grates installed at campgrounds and picnic areas. It is not legal to start campfires on dispersed camping trips under Stage 1 restrictions.

Chainsaw use is only permitted if the machine has a spark arrestor installed as long as a fire extinguisher and a shovel on hand. Under Stage 1 restrictions, smoking is banned outside of enclosed cars or structures, developed recreational sites, or in barren places that are cleared of all flammable materials and at least three feet in diameter.

Welding, blasting, or operating a blow torch is prohibited under Stage 1 outside of cleared areas ten feet in diameter. Those engaged in these activities must have a fire extinguisher on hand to comply. Most fireworks are always banned in Colorado, but under Stage 1 fire restrictions, explosives of any kind are also prohibited, including fuses, blasting caps, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition.

Some counties prohibit firing guns under this stage of restrictions, so it's best to call and ask ahead of time if you plan on target shooting outdoors. Violating Stage 1 restrictions comes with some serious consequences, including a potential \$5,000 fine and up to six months in jail.