



Careful Colorado!

It's Wildfire Season 2002

Colorado Under Siege . . .

All of Colorado, and much of the West, is in extreme danger from wildfires. Wildfire Season 2002 has already:

- been the earliest on record.
- produced the largest and hottest fires due to hot temperatures, dry vegetation, and an extreme drought.
- destroyed hundreds of homes and devastated property.
- forced thousands to evacuate.
- cost millions of dollars.

And there is no relief in sight!

Current Bans . . .

The following bans are currently in effect:

- Any open fires, including campfires in or outside a fire ring and trash fires.
- The sale of fireworks throughout Colorado.
- Fourth of July fireworks cancellations in many locations — check yours.
- Forest and park closures — call ahead.

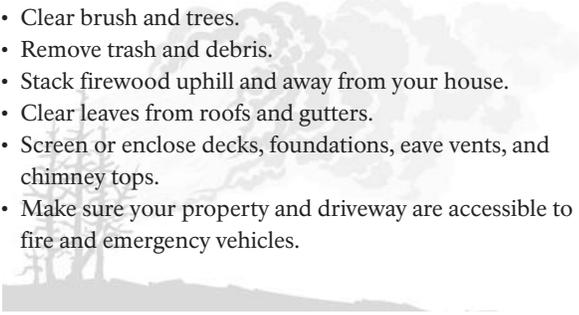
The Fire Formula . . .

Fires need three things—fuel, ignition, and oxygen. Take any one away, and there is no fire.



What YOU Can Do . . .

- **Don't feed the fire** — Create a 30 to 100-foot defensible zone around your home and other buildings (an open area free of debris and combustible materials).
 - Clear brush and trees.
 - Remove trash and debris.
 - Stack firewood uphill and away from your house.
 - Clear leaves from roofs and gutters.
 - Screen or enclose decks, foundations, eave vents, and chimney tops.
 - Make sure your property and driveway are accessible to fire and emergency vehicles.



■ **Stop the spark** — Lightning causes many fires; humans cause the rest!

- Don't cook or burn trash in an open fire, and never burn on windy days.
- Stay with your fire until it is completely out.
- Put smoking materials out in an ashtray.
- Make sure mechanical equipment mufflers and spark arresters work properly.
- Don't drive on dry vegetation (catalytic converters create sparks).
- Avoid metal and rocks when using a mower.
- Clear or wet vegetation when doing any spark-producing activity (e.g., welding).
- *Always use common sense.*

■ **Take its breath away** — Water, foam, and other suppressants block oxygen from interacting with fire.

- Keep fire extinguishers handy, and regularly check their pressure.
- Clear vegetation from fire hydrants, cisterns, and wells.
- Make sure an outside water source with (hose and nozzle) is available.

Prepare Now!

Don't wait until a fire is bearing down on you. **Act now!**

- Create a defensible zone around buildings.
- Install smoke detectors inside buildings and check regularly.
- Develop and practice a family fire drill and evacuation plan.

For ANY Fire Emergency . . . Call 911.

Report illegal fire activity to local authorities.

For More Info . . .

Call your local sheriff's office or log on to:

- USDA Forest Service — Rocky Mountain Region
www.fs.fed.us/r2/fire/rmacc.html
- Bureau of Land Management
www.co.blm.gov
- National Park Service
www.nps.gov/morningreport/index.htm
- Colorado State Forest Service
www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
- Colorado FireWise
www.firewise.org/co/

