



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 <http://air.utah.gov/forecast.php?id=slc>
- Keep open fires 25 feet away from structures or combustible materials. Fires contained in an improved barbecue pit or portable outdoor fireplace require a minimum of 15 feet of clearance from structures or combustible materials.
- 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.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING: Agricultural burning is allowed without a permit in Salt Lake County. 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 County.
- Must verify green burn conditions. The burn index can be found at <http://air.utah.gov/forecast.php?id=np> or you can Download the UtahAir app on: [Android](#) | [iOS](#)
- Must contact VECC dispatch @ 801-840-4000 with name, address and time of burn prior to starting the burn operation in Salt Lake County.

If you have questions feel free to contact:

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Residential Open Burning

Residential open burning is the burning of clean yard waste, grass clippings, weeds, tree trimmings, etc.

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

Recreational Fires

The fire code allows residents to have small recreational fires at their residence. The fuel area (“Fire pit”) cannot exceed **3ft diameter** by **2ft in height**. Burning is limited to dry, clean, natural materials.....no garbage, plastics, rubber, oils or construction waste.

Verify that it is a green burn day by checking the air quality forecast. You can find that out by going to <https://air.utah.gov/forecast.php> or you can Download the UtahAir app on: [Android](#) | [iOS](#)

Keep open fires 25 feet away from structures or combustible materials. Fires contained in an improved barbecue pits or portable outdoor fireplace require a minimum of 15 feet of clearance. LP or natural gas fire pits or grills require 10 feet of clearance.

Have a method of extinguishment readily available. Keep a garden hose or bucket of water close by.

Fires **must be constantly attended** until fully extinguished.

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