



*Steamboat Springs
Fire Rescue*

City of
Steamboat Springs



Fire Protection District Open Burn Season Extended

Snowy Winter Prolongs Burn Period Which Typically Ends April 15

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 15, 2023-With many ski seasons lengthened due to one of the snowiest winters across the state, the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District's Open Burn Season will also benefit from the moisture with an extended burn period.

"Typically, the open burn period runs each year from November 1 through April 15," said Fire Marshal Doug Shaffer. "However, the significant snow and wet conditions has allowed us to extend the burn period. We'll evaluate conditions on a week-to-week basis to determine when burning will end."

The following parameters, which still apply during the extended period, must be met prior to any open burn:

- Contact Routt County Environmental Health at 970.870.5588 prior to open burn for a permit.
- Burn piles must be less than 10'x10'x10' and be devoid of any trash or materials more suited for the landfill.
- **There must be 6 inches or more of snow on the ground at and around the burn site.**
- Burning must be started prior to 11am, always monitored and be out by sunset.
- Call Routt County Communications prior to starting the burn at 970.879.1110



The extension is for the Steamboat Springs Fire Protection District and individuals outside the district should check with their local fire agency for current requirements.

Always observe fire safety guidelines and check the National Weather service Fire Weather pages for local fire weather forecasts: <http://www.weather.gov/bou/fire>. For additional questions, contact Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue at 970.879.7170.

"Please use caution during any open burn and consider alternatives before open burning for materials through recycling, reusing or disposal at a landfill," continued Shaffer. "Since we're talking burning, I would like to remind everyone that residential fire pits also require a permit."

All residential recreational fire pits that burn wood within the district require inspection and a permit from SSFR. Additional information on fire pits can be found [here](#).

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