



Notice of Fire Restrictions

THE RATON FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Due to environmental issues such as drought, dry fuel loads and extremely escalating fire conditions, the following fire restrictions remain in effect for the City of Raton:

- Open burning will only be permitted with prior approval (Burn Permit). At this time no permits are being issued.
- Bonfires are prohibited. Recreational fires shall not be constructed within 25' from a structure or any combustible material and no greater than 3' wide and no higher than 2' in height in an approved site.
- No person shall throw or place a lighted match, cigar, cigarette, matches, or other flaming or glowing substance or object on any surface or article where it can cause an unwanted or hazardous fire.
- Bar-B-Qs, charcoal briquettes bar-b-q's and open-flame cooking devices shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and shall not be used within 10 feet of a structure or combustible material. At this time, the use of charcoal briquettes in an approved device is permitted.
- Fireworks – Presently, Safe-N-Sane fireworks are permitted providing that they are not used within 100' of any structure or combustible material. The use of; Aerial Spinners, Helicopters, Mines, Missile-Type Rockets, Roman Candles, Stick-type rockets, or any other aerial fireworks is forbidden. Forbidden fireworks will be seized and any person convicted of a violation may be fined up to \$500.00 or imprisonment for up to 90 days or both.
- A fire department officer is authorized to order the extinguishment by the person responsible or the fire department, of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

These restrictions are enforceable by law, and a violation of which carries penalties and provisions. These restrictions may be adapted to respond to changing fire conditions.

Signed this day, Wednesday the 28th of May 2013

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