

LA PLATA COUNTY BURN REGULATIONS

Durango Fire and Rescue Authority is the responsible control point for all fire regulations in La Plata County.

Emergency fire number is 911

Dispatcher number is 970-385-2900 (this is a non-emergency number that should be available 24/7) .

Phone number for information is 970-382-6023.

Their website is www.durangofirerescue.org. The Board of Directors strongly recommends that owners peruse this site for additional information. The home page lists the current fire restriction level (Stage I, II, or III) that is currently in effect.

*Effective June 4, 2012, a new burn restriction went into effect. A burn permit is now required for **all** outdoor burning. The permit application form is available online at the above website or at the offices of Durango Fire and Rescue Authority at 104 Shepard Drive in Durango.*

Online application instructions:

To access the application for permit to burn form online, hover the cursor over “Divisions” and click on “Fire Prevention Divisions” in the drop down menu to open the next screen.

If the “Open Burning Permits” tab is not highlighted, select it and scroll down to “Burn Permit Application,” and click on it to open the application.

Instructions for submitting the form are located near the top of the form.

Other application methods:

FAX completed form to (970) 382-6028. (A link to this form is located on this page that you can print.

Send an email *with electronic signature* and the form attached or pasted into the email body to DFRAFPB@durangofirerescue.org

Deliver form to Durango Fire and Rescue Authority at 104 Shepard Drive in Durago (in Bodo Park).

Size of firepit is restricted to no larger than 2 ft. x 3 ft.

Slash pile sizes are restricted to 4 ft. x 4 ft. There are also clearance distances that must be maintained. No stumps allowed to be burned (because they produce too much smoke, a state regulation to reduce toxic emissions).

All of La Plata County is on the Reverse 911 system for alerting homeowners using **land lines only**. If a home has no land line, a cell can be registered. Homes with renters should register their own home or cell number so the owner can contact the current renter to notify them that they need to evacuate in an emergency.

Registering a renter's or temporary occupant's cell number is **not** recommended, because the process takes longer to enter and delete than the renter would be in the home. **Ultimately the homeowner is responsible.**

Residents must communicate open burning, maintain control of any open burn, and assure that they do not allow any harm to their property, their neighbors, or the community.

Burning will not be allowed on days when the fire danger is high or a *Red Flag Watch or Warning* has been issued. A "**RED FLAG DAY**" is one where there is a high potential for rapid fire growth due to high temperatures, high winds, and low humidity.

After a burn permit has been issued – and prior to burning -- the permittee must call the Communications Center at 385-2900 to notify them of their plans each day of the permit.

OUR LPPO WEBMASTER WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP THIS SITE CURRENT REGARDING SPECIFIC FIRE REGULATIONS IN EFFECT, BUT LPPO CAN MAKE NO ASSURANCES THAT THIS EFFORT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. EACH HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE TO INVESTIGATE AND CONFORM TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS.