



Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
Community Safety Division
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BONFIRE REGULATIONS

A permit must be obtained to conduct any bonfire within the City of Loveland, Town of Johnstown or Loveland Rural Fire Protection District.

BONFIRES ARE PROHIBIED WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT FROM LFRA

1. Permits that are issued for bonfires are one-time use only.
2. Bonfire permits shall be issued for a minimum of one (1) hour burn time, up to a maximum of three (3) hour burn time.
3. All requests to conduct bonfires must be submitted to the LFRA Community Safety Division no less than 48 hours before the proposed date/time of the bonfire.
4. Requests for an opening burning permit for a proposed bonfire must be reviewed by both the Fire Marshal and the Battalion Chief of the affected shift. The LFRA Community Safety Division will perform a site visit before the permit may be approved.
5. A permit for a bonfire may be denied or revoked at any time by any member of LFRA for safety violations or other mitigating circumstances.
6. Adherence to the Bonfire Regulations at all times shall be mandatory. Failure to comply with regulations will result in the immediate revocation of the permit, forfeiture of the permit fee, and is punishable under Chapter 3 of the 2012 International Fire Code and Colorado Revised Statutes 25-7-123(3).

BONFIRE REGULATIONS:

1. No person shall burn upon the land of another without prior written permission of the owner thereof or his agent.
2. Firewood and/or sections of trees (dried, with bark removed, having a diameter of no greater than 6 inches) shall be piled in an open area away from standing timber, structures, and other potential hazards. The burning of any other materials is strictly prohibited.
3. The bonfire's burn pile shall be no larger than 8 feet wide and 6 feet high at any time.
4. The ground surrounding the burn pile shall be scraped to mineral earth (clean dirt) to a distance of at least 10 feet in all directions.

5. A minimum distance of 100 feet shall be maintained between a bonfire and adjacent structures or combustible materials. Wood feed piles shall be maintained at a minimum distance of 50 feet from the burning pile.
6. Burning is not permitted when sustained winds or wind gusts are predicted to exceed 10 miles per hour or during extremely dry conditions, as determined by the Fire Marshal or a Community Safety Division representative.
7. Burn pile ignition methods shall be pre-approved by the Fire Marshal. Use of gasoline is prohibited.
8. All bonfires shall be continuously attended by a competent, non-impaired adult having pre-approved and ready to use fire extinguishing equipment on site.
9. The bonfire open burning permit shall be maintained on site and available for viewing at all times during the active date and times of the permit.
10. All bonfires require the presence of an LFRA standby crew of two (2) personnel as well as a fire department apparatus with a minimum capacity of 1000 gallons of water and having a water pump with a minimum pumping capacity of 250 gallons per minute. Fees for personnel and apparatus are listed below.
11. The LFRA standby crew shall arrive 30 minutes prior to start of burning to conduct a site safety inspection. The standby crew shall remain on site 30 minutes following the active burning to ensure the full extinguishment of the fire.
12. The open burning permit holder shall call Loveland Fire Dispatch at 970-962-2800 before starting the fire and once the fire is completely out cold.
13. All fires shall be completely extinguished (out cold) by the expiration time of the open burning permit.

BONFIRE PERMIT FEE

Minimum fee of \$350.00 (non-refundable) – Payable to Loveland Fire Rescue Authority

Hourly Rates if bonfire permit times are exceeded:

LFRA Personnel = \$ 42.00 per person per hour

LFRA Apparatus = \$ 103.00 per hour