

## Outdoor Fires

**Agricultural Burning** and open burning for yard cleanup require a burn permit. See Burn Permit Application on the fire marshal's web page: [www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal.com](http://www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal.com)

**Bonfires** in unincorporated Utah County (when allowed) require a permit from the Fire Marshal

- Permits are only issued to owners of subject property for unincorporated Utah County
- May also require a special event or mass gathering permit and approval from one or more of the following: Utah County Public Works, Sheriff's Office, Health Department and Fire Marshal's Office
- May require Local Fire Department standby
- Burning of trash or household garbage is not permitted

**Recreational fires** are allowed, but are subject to the following:

- Shall not be conducted when fire restrictions are in place. See the web site: [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov)
- Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material
- Shall be constantly attended by the property owner or designee
- Shall not create a nuisance
- Masonry or similar outdoor fireplaces with chimneys must additionally have a building permit from Utah County
- Shall be no larger than three feet in diameter and fuel shall be no higher than two feet
- Burning of trash or household garbage is not permitted
- Any Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Fire Warden having jurisdiction or their designee has the authority to extinguish unsafe fires
- Fires in Urban-Wildland Interface (WUI) areas of Utah County are subject to additional restrictions (see below)

**The Utah County ordinance regarding outdoor fires in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)\* are as follows:**

9-6-9. Outdoor Fires. (a) No person shall build, ignite or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose in or on any Wildland-Urban Interface area, except by the authority of a written permit from the code official. Exception 1: Outdoor fires specifically allowed by any governmental agency having jurisdiction over the land. Exception 2: Outdoor fires within inhabited premises or designated campsites where such fires are in a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, outdoor fireplace, incinerator or grill and are a minimum of thirty (30) feet from any combustible material or non-fire-resistive vegetation. (b) No person shall use a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, outdoor fireplace or grill for the disposal of rubbish, trash or combustible waste material. (c) Incinerators, outdoor fireplaces, permanent barbecues and grills shall not be built, installed or maintained in Wildland/Urban Interface areas without approval of the code official. Openings in such appliances shall be provided with an approved spark arrestor, screen or door. (d) The pile of fuel to be burned in the fire area for recreational fires shall not be larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 foot high. (e) A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at recreational fires. (f) Recreational fires are required to be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment. The attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished. (Ord. 2015-2, 02-03-15).

All outdoor fires in the WUI area of unincorporated Utah County – including fire pits – are subject to the above and require spark arrestors which can be a domed or flat screen, but must have at least a 12-gage grid of wire or other metal with openings no greater than 1/2 inch.

\*A map showing the Wildland-Urban Interface Areas in Utah County can be viewed at the following web site: [www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal.com](http://www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal.com)