

# *Larkspur Fire Protection District*

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## **Fire Permits Required**

**Within the Larkspur Fire Protection District (LFPD), all outdoor burning of wood or vegetation requires a permit issued by the LFPD.**

All permits for outdoor burning are issued on a case-by-case basis & apply to the dates and times as specified in the permit. Please, also read the LFPD Campfire regulations at found on our website.

**Permits should be requested at least two business days in advance of the desired burn time.**

All permits are issued or not issued based on the current and expected weather conditions and the conditions of wildland fuels at the time of the requested burn permit. This analysis is performed by the LFPD and is final. Restrictions by the State, County, or Town of Larkspur will preclude the issuance of a burn permit.

Normally, there is no fee for a burn permit. To obtain a permit, please visit the LFPD website and use the on-line Burn Permit Request form or call the LFPD 303-681-3284 and talk to Administrative Assistant Jodi Warner, Fire Marshal Johnson, or Fire Chief Mills.

## **Fires not allowed within the LFPD:**

The LFPD will not issue fire permits that conflict with fire restrictions that may be in place from the State of Colorado, Douglas County, or the Town of Larkspur.

Private land owners shall not burn piles of tree or brush slash, piles of wood construction debris, any chemically treated wood or non-wood materials including: tires, debris, refuse, or garbage. Permits will not be issued for these types of fires.

## **Fires requiring a permit:**

**When not restricted by the State, County, or Town:**

All wood or vegetation fueled recreational campfires. Outdoor wood or vegetation fueled cooking; such as fire pits for pig roasts or wood fueled grills. Agricultural burns also require a permit and must be conducted by the LFPD with suppression equipment on scene during the burn. These are very limited in issue as they must also be suitable for an LFPD training exercise and require precision timing with regards to natural fuel and weather conditions.

## **Fires that do not require a permit:**

**When not restricted by the State, County or Town:**

**Indoors;** fireplaces and wood stoves meeting building code requirements and as approved and inspected by Douglas County Building Division.

**Outdoors;** electric grills, natural gas or propane fueled stoves & grills, liquid fueled stoves & grills, and charcoal fueled cookers & grills. Use of flavoring wood chips used in a grill that is primarily charcoal fueled does not require a permit.

**Note:** Use of charcoal fueled fires, including within grills and stoves, may be restricted or banned when burning restrictions are issued by the Town of Larkspur, Douglas County or the State of Colorado during times of high wildland fire danger.

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## **Larkspur Fire Protection District Campfire Regulations:**

The LFPD permits all recreational campfires on a per occurrence basis. A recreational campfire is defined as a small wood or vegetation fueled, outdoor fire contained in a fire pit or fire box with flame lengths not to exceed three feet in height. The campfire pit or fire box design and location must first be approved by the LFPD. Please call 303-681-3284 during normal business hours (8am – 5pm / Mon. – Fri., excluding holidays) a minimum of 5 business days prior to the date you would like to have your fire location inspected. Inspections are scheduled for normal business hours (8am – 5pm / Mon. – Fri., excluding holidays). After the campfire pit or fire box design and location is approved by the LFPD, a permit must be requested each time you would like to have a fire. The request can be submitted on the LFPD web site or by phone (303-681-3284) during business hours (8am – 5pm / Mon. – Fri., excluding holidays) of the LFPD. Please request your permit with a minimum notice of two-business days prior to the date(s) you would like to have a campfire (but no more than a week notice). Once you are on the LFPD's approved list, you may request a permit as often as you like. Permits will be issued unless area wildland fire conditions are not conducive to do so or you have been subject to permit restrictions due to permit violations. Wildland fuel and weather conditions are monitored by the LFPD and form the basis for the decision to permit or not. The LFPD decision to not issue a permit is final. Permits can be issued for no longer than four consecutive days, as fuel and weather conditions can change rapidly within the fire district. There is no fee for the permit. Permits may be revoked and future permit privileges suspended if the permit holder violates any conditions of the permit. Permits are not needed for charcoal, liquid or gas fueled grills and stoves or gas fueled fire pits in the outdoor environment.

### **Permit conditions are as follows:**

- The campfire pit or fire box design and location must be approved by the Chief or Fire Marshal.
- Campfire is limited to the area and in the pit or fire box as approved by the Chief or Fire Marshal.
- Ground surface within 25 ft. of the fire shall be paved with a non-combustible material or cleared to mineral soil.
- Maintain a charged water hose line, 10-gallons of water, or a 10 lb. ABC dry-chemical fire extinguisher within 25 ft. of the fire at all times.
- Fire must be attended at all times by an adult (age 21 or older).
- Flame lengths from the fire shall not exceed 3 ft. in length.
- Fire must be totally extinguished immediately after use.
- The Permit shall not supersede any Town, County or State ordinances, laws or fire restrictions that may be or become in effect during the dates and times that the permit is issued for.
- **DO NOT BURN** if wind exceeds 10 mph or extinguish if the wind exceeds 10 mph while burning.

Upon your request, the LFPD will be happy to visit your campfire site for approval. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Randal R. Johnson  
Fire Marshal

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