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RECREATIONAL BURNING IS NOW ALLOWED

On June 15, 2025, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal, after consultation with the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs, declared that all recreational burning is banned throughout all of Jefferson County. This declaration was to be in effect until atmospheric and field conditions lowered to an acceptable level for a length of time so that the threat had subsided. After consulting with the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal has determined that the threat has subsided after atmospheric and field conditions have lowered to an acceptable level. Accordingly, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal has canceled the prohibition on recreational fires throughout the county, effective September 30. This allows the use of campfires and charcoal cooking, in addition to gas or propane fueled appliances and wood or solid fuel (wood) appliances with an enclosed flame.

ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, THE FIRE DANGER RATING WILL BE LOWERED TO MODERATE

Recreational fires are defined as, "An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial cooking, warmth or similar purposes."

Please note that per JCC 8.72.040(5), outdoor burn restrictions remain in effect from July 1 until at least September 30 of each year and other forms of outdoor burning still are prohibited. "Outdoor burning" means the combustion of material of any type in an open fire or in an outdoor container without providing for the control of combustion or the control of emissions from the combustion, except for agricultural burning and silvicultural burning.

**LAND CLEARING AND DEBRIS BURNING CONTINUES TO BE PROHIBITED
UNTIL AT LEAST OCTOBER 15, 2025**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Cecere".

Phil Cecere,
Jefferson County Fire Marshal

Mission Statement

*To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Jefferson County by promoting a vibrant economy,
sound communities and a healthy environment.*