

## **TELLER COUNTY STAGE I FIRE BAN**

1. Open burning is banned on private and public lands in Teller County, State of Colorado. Possession of a current Teller County Burn Permit does not constitute an exemption. Open burning regulated by these permits is not allowed.
2. DEFINITION: OPEN BURNING: For purposes of a Stage I Fire Ban, "open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, charcoal burning appliances, fused explosives, firing of model rockets, use of fireworks, and the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash and debris. A Stage I Fire Ban does not apply to commercial fireworks within city limits.
3. A Stage I Fire Ban does not restrict the use of charcoal grill fires or charcoal burning appliances, or permanent brick and mortar fire pits, fire grates located in developed and designated picnic grounds and/or developed and designated campgrounds on public lands or private lands for public use within the county.
4. A Stage I Fire Ban does not restrict the use of charcoal grill fires or charcoal burning appliances, developed fire pits (not to exceed 3 feet in diameter and which are constructed with a fire proof material having a minimum depth of 10 inches from the utmost portion of the fire pit barrier), or permanent brick and mortar fire pits, fire grates on other private property not used for public picnic areas or campgrounds within the county.
5. A Stage I Fire Ban does not restrict the use of liquid fueled or gas fueled stoves, lanterns or grills or fires in fireplaces within buildings anywhere within Teller County. Use of fused explosives is prohibited except on designated mining property or by special permits issued by the Teller County Sheriff.
6. A Stage I Fire Ban does not restrict the use of chainsaws if a fire extinguisher is in the immediate vicinity of the person cutting.
7. A Stage I Fire Ban does not restrict welding activities.
8. Smoking is not limited under a Stage I Fire Ban.
9. A Stage I Fire Ban prohibits the burning of irrigation ditches in the county except for ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival.