

# WHY WOOD BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Smoke and particles released by wood fires contribute to poor air quality in the Boulder area. This is why Boulder City Council passed an ordinance banning wood burning during high pollution days.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in making Boulder a cleaner, healthier place to live.

## THE LAW

City Code Section 6-9-3 (B.R.C.,1981) states:

No person shall use any woodstove or fireplace during a no-burn day unless an exemption has been granted by the City of Boulder.

City Code Section 6-9-5 (B.R.C.,1981) states:

Burning Coal is Prohibited in the City of Boulder.



Denver on a high pollution day.

# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

## Wood Burning Advisory Hotline

303-758-4848

## Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

303-692-3165

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/woodstoves.html>

## Boulder County Public Health

303-441-1564

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/live/environment/air/pages/cowoodburnregs.aspx>

## Boulder Revised Code

[www.colocode.com/boulder2/index.htm](http://www.colocode.com/boulder2/index.htm)



# Boulder Police

## Code Enforcement Unit

1805 33rd Street  
Boulder, Colorado 80301

Report a Violation: 303-441-3333

General Phone: 303-441-1875

Fax: 303-413-7331

[www.bouldercolorado.gov](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov)



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Working with the community to provide service and safety.

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## Wood Burning Ordinance 6-9



### HIGH POLLUTION DAYS

The Colorado Department of Health calls “high pollution days” when air pollution monitoring equipment and meteorological forecasts predict unacceptable pollution levels for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area. When a high pollution day has been called, mandatory wood burning bans are in effect. Call 303-758-4848 for the current advisory status.

### IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW

Boulder's law requires the user of any woodstove or fireplace to know whether a high pollution day has been declared. To find out if a wood burning ban is in effect:

1. Call 303-758-4848 for the Wood Burning Advisory Hotline.
2. Listen to a Boulder or Denver radio station.
3. Watch the local news on the Denver television stations.
4. Watch for advisories on Boulder Cable Channel 8.

Three hours will be allowed after a wood burning ban is declared for a burn down of existing fires.

### EXEMPTIONS

Owners of Colorado Certified Phase III stoves and approved pellet stoves can apply to receive an exemption from the wood burning bans. Check with your wood stove dealer or the Colorado State Health Department, Air Pollution Division at 303-692-3100 for more information on Phase III certified devices.

A person demonstrating both an economic need to burn wood for heating and a reliance on a wood stove as their primary source of heat may apply for an exemption.

For information on how to obtain an exemption call the Code Enforcement Unit at 303-441-1875.

### ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance will be enforced on high pollution days. First-time offenders will be given educational materials on how to find out if a wood burning ban is in effect and an official violation notice. Repeat offenders may be issued a summons to court which requires a court appearance and a possible fine of up to \$1,000.00.



### CLEANER BURNING TIPS

1. If you have an old wood stove or fireplace, switch to a natural gas, certified wood or pellet stove. These devices are more efficient and dramatically reduce emission of pollutants.
2. Burn only clean dry wood. Treated paper, wood, and plastics can contain coatings, metals, and other toxic compounds which add to pollution levels.
3. Have a professional clean and inspect your stove or fireplace at least once a year. Regularly check for cracks, crumbling, and fractures in the fire brick.



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