



# Teller County Fire Ban Guide

The Teller County Sheriff serves as the County Fire Warden and is tasked with monitoring fire danger levels and enforcing Fire Bans adopted by the County Commissioners to prevent wildfires that endanger life & property. Fire Bans are posted on the County website [www.tellercounty.gov](http://www.tellercounty.gov) and [www.tellercounty.gov/fire-information](http://www.tellercounty.gov/fire-information). Also check with [United States Forest Service \(USFS\)](http://www.usfs.gov), [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](http://www.blm.gov), [City of Woodland Park](http://www.cityofwoodlandpark.com), and [City of Cripple Creek](http://www.cityofcripplecreek.com) for their current burn status and/or restrictions.



Activity	Orange Flag	Red Flag	Stage I Ban	Stage II Ban	Stage III Ban
Burn Permits/ Slash Burning	NOT ALLOWED				
Outdoor Fires (Developed campgrounds, picnic areas, and private lands)	ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*ALLOWED <i>*In a permanent fire ring, with water supply or approved fire extinguisher readily available, and 25’ away from combustibles.</i>	*NOT ALLOWED <i>*Restriction includes Gas Fire Pits.</i>		
Outdoor Cooking	ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*ALLOWED <i>*In all BBQ grills or smokers and 10’ away from combustibles.</i>	*ALLOWED <i>*Only BBQ grills fueled by propane, natural gas, or liquid fuel and 10’ away from combustibles.</i>	NOT ALLOWED	
Outdoor Smoking	ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*NOT ALLOWED <i>*No smoking outside except in an enclosed building, vehicle, in an area cleared of all flammable materials.</i>			
Outdoor Welding and Torching	ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*ALLOWED <i>*An approved fire extinguisher readily available.</i>	*NOT ALLOWED <i>*Unless approved by the county or the city.</i>		
Fireworks	*NOT ALLOWED <i>*Except commercial fireworks approved by the county or the city.</i>				
Model Rockets	NOT ALLOWED				
Explosives	*NOT ALLOWED <i>*Except for permitted mining/construction operations.</i>				
Chainsaws	ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*ALLOWED <i>*An approved fire extinguisher readily available. For Stage III, spark arrester and a shovel also needs to be readily available .</i>			
Recreational Shooting	*ALLOWED WITH CAUTION	*ALLOWED			*NOT ALLOWED <i>*Explosive targets, tracer, and incendiary rounds are illegal and never allowed.</i>