**PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT**

**FIRE RESTRICTION INFORMATION**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO UNDER FIRE RESTRICTIONS:**

1. You can cook with gas or electric grills and pellet smokers or with charcoal. Ten feet of separation from combustible materials must be maintained. Charcoal must be in a container with a closeable top, such as a barbecue. Ashes from charcoal or pellets MUST be disposed of properly in a non-combustible (ie: metal, ceramic) container with ten feet (two feet if covered) of separation from combustible materials. Please note that when the Tonto National Forest enters Stage 2 restrictions, Gila County enters restrictions, and they do NOT have an exception for charcoal or smokers, only propane and electric.
2. You can smoke in an area five feet or more from any combustible material. Smoking materials must be disposed of in a safe manner.
3. You can burn bug repellant candles if properly separated from any combustible materials.
4. You can use gas fire rings.
5. You can use your chainsaw, weed eater, or mower in a safe manner. In rare, very extreme fire conditions, a permit may be required simply to ensure the device has a spark arrestor, a means of fire extinguishment is present, and a thirty minute fire watch takes place after work is completed. The PSFD is dedicated to allowing its residents to keep their properties safe from wildland fire.

**WHAT ALWAYS REQUIRES A PERMIT, REGARDLESS OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Open burning (brush, leaves, pine needles, etc.) always requires a permit. Bonfires (ceremonial fires larger than three feet in area and two feet in height) always require a permit. Neither bonfires nor open burning are permitted when winds are forecast in excess of ten mph, regardless of fire restrictions. Burning of trash is always prohibited.
2. Hot work (cutting, welding, and other similar flame, spark, or fire producing activity) always requires a permit.
3. PSFD permits are free, but require an inspection to ensure safety. Call (928)476-4272 to obtain a permit for open burning or hot work.

**WHAT YOU CANNOT DO UNDER FIRE RESTRICTIONS:**

1. You cannot build or maintain a recreational fire. Recreational fires include ceremonial, recreational, warming, and cooking fires (other than those described above). Regardless of fire restrictions, recreational fires must always be more than twenty-five feet from combustible materials.
2. Open burning and bonfires are not allowed under fire restrictions.

Although violations of the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Code are a class 3 misdemeanor (with potential penalties of up to $500 or 30 days incarceration), it is our philosophy that we want to keep our community safe through education, education, and more education, with enforcement as an absolute last resort. Please help us keep you, your neighbors, and your property safe by being smart with fire.

**Call 928-476-4272 or visit pinestrawberryfiredistrict.com to find out if we are in restrictions.**