

## Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Implemented in Ridgway

Ridgway, CO – The Town of Ridgway is following the lead of Ouray County and several other agencies in implementing “Stage 1” fire restrictions that will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2025. The Town Manager has formally enacted these emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town and the restrictions shall remain in effect until modified or revoked by further order of the Ridgway Town Council.



Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and current fire activity.

The following activities are currently prohibited in the Town of Ridgway:

- All campfires and fires in open pits;
- All fires and burning of any kind or the burning of any material of any kind on public or private property within the Town, including all outdoor charcoal or wood grills, but shall not prohibit the use of propane grills on private property where the propane grill has an “on/off” switch so that the fuel can be turned off;
- Fireworks or the use of explosives;
- Smoking on public property, except in an enclosed vehicle or building;
- Disposal of any cigarette anywhere outdoors;
- Operating any chainsaw, except with a fire extinguisher and shovel kept within immediate reach;
- Welding or use of torch with open flame, unless inside an enclosed structure and as an allowable use in the zoning district.
- Other activities determined to be of high risk in creating a wildfire and potential for loss of life or significant damage to personal property.

For more information, please visit <https://townofridgway.colorado.gov/> or call 970-626-5308.

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