



DISTRICT WIDE FIRE BAN



**“GAS ONLY DURING
FIRE SEASON!”**

WEBSITE:

www.truckeefire.org/fire-ban

As we've all seen, the fire danger in California has continued to increase and the Truckee area is no exception. **California has seen 9 of the 20 most destructive fires in California's recorded history in the last 5 years!**

The build-up of dry fuels, a significant drought and more people moving to and visiting the wildland urban interface have led to this extreme fire danger that threatens our community. **Many of the visitors to our region don't understand the danger, adding to the risk of an escaped campfire.**

Each year the Fire District responds to unattended or improperly extinguished residential campfires that escape the fire ring and start a wildfire. If this happens on a windy day a wildfire could be devastating to our community. **That is why the Truckee Fire Protection District is implementing a District-wide ordinance to ban backyard type campfires during fire season.**

EFFECTIVE THIS FIRE SEASON

(Starting in June)

- **No wood or charcoal fires**
- **Report illegal fires by calling 911**
- **Fire season usually runs from June -November**

***PLEASE NOTE** - *The fire ban does not include gas appliances like gas BBQ's, gas fire pits, pellet burning devices. Campgrounds and Day-use picnic areas are exempt.*



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What is banned?

Residential campfires/bonfires that burn anything other than gas and BBQ's that burn solid fuel like charcoal briquettes, wood or lump charcoal including the Big Green Egg type.

What is allowed?

Gas campfires, gas portable fire pits, gas BBQ's, pellet burning devices.

Who is exempt?

Designated campgrounds and day-use picnic areas, private campgrounds and community picnic areas with a valid permit, outdoor special event/commercial cooking operations with a valid permit.

Will the ban start when CalFire announces fire season for the entire state?

Yes, typically starting in June and ending after we get significant moisture, usually in November.

Can people use a briquette fuel-based smoker?

No, the issue being that there are briquettes being used and there still exists a risk of improper disposal of charcoal remnants.

Can people use a wood pellet fuel-based BBQ/smoker?

Yes, pellet burning devices are well contained and fully consumed to ash with no super-heated particles remaining that could start a fire after disposal.

Can people add wood shavings, like apple wood and other types you can buy for added flavoring, to a smoker or gas grill?

No, the addition of wood shavings will present a similar risk of incomplete combustion and improper disposal that can start a wildfire.

Would the district consider issuing briquette BBQ permits to individual residents?

No, with over 15,000 residential structures in the district, there is no logistical/financial way we could inspect, issue, or enforce permits of that magnitude.

Will permits be issued for picnic areas and special events/commercial cooking operations that use briquette/wood BBQ's?

Yes, these operations will be inspected for safe practices and issued a permit with specific operating guidelines.