



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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The spring 2023 seasonal open burning period for the East Fork Fire Protection District will begin on Saturday March 11, 2023 and continue through Sunday May 14, 2023. The District has identified the need to open a spring burn season to assist homeowners with the clean-up of natural vegetative debris and the maintenance of defensible and survivable space.

The District requires any persons participating in seasonal open burning to have a current Authorization to Conduct Seasonal Open Burning information sheet with them and at the burn site prior to and during seasonal open burning operations. Individuals shall call the burn line phone number, located on the document, each day. This recording will advise whether it is a permissive burn day or not. If it is **NOT** a permissive burn day, no burning of any kind is permissible. Residents shall ensure that the date of the permissive day corresponds to the date they wish to burn. **THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL RECORDING ONLY; THE CALLER MAY NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE.** The general seasonal open burn line recording will be changed daily. Burning may start as early as 7:00 am and go as late as 3:00 pm with all fires completely extinguished by 3:30 pm.

The District will be monitoring all burning activities, including site investigations as required, to ensure individuals are conducting seasonal open burning per the Douglas County regulations. Strict enforcement of the required burning regulations will take place, including the issuance of written STOP ORDERS and CITATIONS for violators of the seasonal open burn regulations. After a very dry summer, fuel conditions within the East Fork Fire Protection District remain very volatile, even in the spring, and depending on how much moisture the area gets. Please follow all regulations at all times.

Seasonal open burning documents will be available at any fire station within the East Fork Fire Protection District, at the East Fork Fire Protection District's administrative office located at 1694 County Road. In addition, the regulations can also be downloaded and printed from the East Fork Fire Protection District's website at [www.eastforkfire.org](http://www.eastforkfire.org).

For additional information, please contact the East Fork Fire Protection District at 775-782-9040

Thank you in advance for your ongoing cooperation in fire safety.