



# Jefferson County Community Development Office of the Fire Marshal

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## **Moderate fire danger level in effect June 1, 2025**

The Jefferson County Fire Marshal and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs are tasked with instilling safeguards against hazards to life and safety from dangerous conditions associated with fire, protecting residents, firefighters, emergency responders, community assets, and property. Jefferson County Resolution No 21-23 institutes an automatic setting of MODERATE fire danger level July 1-September 30 every year. Due to current atmospheric and field conditions, this is being implemented one month early for the 2025 season. County Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Marshal agree that conditions warrant this danger level. Several factors are at play in this decision, including but not limited to input received from DNR, ORCCA, NWS, and other state, federal, and local agencies.

During an observance of MODERATE FIRE HAZARD, all restrictions from lower levels are in effect plus:

- Outdoor burning restricted. No person shall build, ignite, or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind or character, or for any purpose whatsoever, except:
- Outdoor burning is allowed on private residential premises or designated campsites where such fires are built, ignited, and maintained in a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, outdoor fireplace, or grill;
- Portable fireplaces, pits, and chimineas are approved where they are placed on non-combustible material, or all combustible material is removed to mineral soil with all combustible material 1.5 feet around the portable fireplace, pit, or chiminea removed. Only natural wood materials shall be burned within the portable fireplace, pit, or chiminea, and the fuel shall not extend outside the portable fireplace, pit, or chiminea.

This fire danger risk level and restrictions are in effect until atmospheric and field conditions fall to an acceptable level for a length of time to determine that the threat has lessened and that risk to residents, property, and emergency responders has subsided to acceptable levels. The moderate level is expected to last until at least September 30, 2025. The possible escalation of the fire danger rating level will be periodically reassessed and further restrictions would be implemented.

***In summary, recreational burning or “campfires” are allowed in a Moderate fire danger risk level and all barbeque appliances are allowed. However, brush and debris “land clearing fires” are restricted until a Low fire danger risk level is established.***

Phil Cecere, Jefferson County Fire Marshal

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### *Mission Statement*

***To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Jefferson County by promoting a vibrant economy, sound communities and a healthy environment.***