



## Platte Canyon Fire Department

### Department Memorandum:

**Date:** 4/15/2025

**To:** All Fire Department Personnel

**From:** Lucas Robinson

**Re:** Wood/Charcoal Fired grills, Portable Fireplaces and Stationary Fireplaces during a STAGE 1 BURN BAN.

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The purpose of this memo is to act as clarification for Platte Canyon Fire Protection District specific requirements for stationary fireplace, portable fireplace and solid-fuel cooking **that are allowed during a stage 1 burn ban. These items are prohibited during stage 2 burn ban.**

#### **Wood/Charcoal/Pellet Fired Grills and Smokers**

Solid-Fuel grills or smokers designed for cooking can be commercially purchased or have engineered plans for grills that have been built in place. Grills for cooking will have a grate for cooking food, metal framework or masonry bottom to contain the fuel that is burning and a lid that can cover the grill to prevent the spread of sparks. This lid can be fully enclosing or a metal mesh that is  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  **inch** or smaller to limit the spread of embers from a solid-fuel fire.

#### **Portable Exterior Fireplace, Approved**

A portable exterior fireplace, or outdoor fireplace, is a freestanding, wood burning structure designed for use outdoors. It can be constructed from various noncombustible materials like steel, concrete, or clay and may have a chimney or chimney opening. *All openings including, but not limited to, the front opening and chimney exhaust must be completely enclosed with a metal mesh or manufactured glass fire doors. The metal mesh openings must be  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  inch or smaller to limit the spread of embers from a solid-fuel fire.*

#### **Stationary Exterior Fireplace, Approved**

An outdoor stationary fireplace is a permanent, wood burning structure designed for outdoor use, typically featuring a firebox, hearth, and chimney. It's similar in design to a traditional indoor fireplace but built for outdoors. This can also include an engineered masonry fire ring that has a commercially designed metal mesh lid or enclosure. *All openings including, but not limited to, the front opening and chimney exhaust must be completely enclosed with a metal mesh or manufactured glass fire doors. The metal mesh openings must be  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  inch or smaller to limit the spread of embers from a solid-fuel fire.*