

Campfire rules 16-5



Campfire rules for Redhill Forest are currently following the Northwest fire District guidelines

North-West Fire Protection District is responsible for enforcing International Fire Code regulations governing construction activity within the district's boundaries. In addition to receiving, reviewing, and conducting inspections for construction applications, they also maintain a robust educational and public-outreach program that includes wildfire mitigation walk-through, home safety survey, juvenile-fire setter education, fire extinguisher training, school programs, presentations to civic organizations, businesses and neighborhood groups, and other activities. If you are interested in outreach or educational programs, please email your inquiry to chief@nwfpd.org. For any permit or application-related questions, please contact the dept. at 719-836-3150.

Burn Permit

Burn permit required for any open burning.

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A \$10 annual burn permit is required for anyone doing open burning including **firepit, fireplace, or campfire.**

Payment can be made at the fire station on Hwy 285. Redhill Forest does not collect this fee.



NORTH-WEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Rules for Campfires

Comply with all state, county, or local fire restrictions and any regulations implemented by your local governing group (i.e. – homeowners association).

Campfires must not be wider than 3 feet across or have flames more than 3 feet high.

You are allowed to have an attended campfire throughout the night with no time restrictions.

You must call dispatch for each fire you have.

Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of five feet in all directions to prevent escape of the fire.

Beware of the Duff - Duff is the layer of decomposing wood material that lies on the forest floor between pine needles and bare dirt. Many times it may look like dirt, but it isn't. Duff burns, dirt doesn't. It allows even the smallest ember to smolder for days, most times underground and unnoticed, until enough heat is built up to produce flames. Don't let the duff fool you.

Have a responsible person in attendance at all times. Leave the permit with that person and make sure they are aware of the terms of the permit. Never leave your campfire unattended, even for a few minutes or if you take a nap.

Have ample water available at the campfire site for extinguishing campfires.

Extinguish the campfire with water every night when going to bed and when breaking camp or leaving for any period of time. Stir and mix water with the ashes until the fire is out. Don't try to bury the fire under dirt, it can smolder for hours and then escape. Remember, campfires are not out until they are cold and out.

Feel the Ashes - Feel the ashes to be sure the fire is out. Before you leave, check the area within 50 feet of the fire for sparks or embers that may have escaped.

It Can Cost You - You will be held liable for the cost of suppression and damages caused by any wildfire that starts through negligence on your part.

Redhill Forest Rules

Due to the extremely dry conditions at Redhill Forest, fire is an ever present danger to the subdivision. With this in mind the Board of Managers has implemented campfire regulations for the benefit on the Association. From time to time as fire conditions dictate, the Board of Managers will implement burning restrictions. Once restrictions have been set, there will be no open fires with Redhill Forest until the burning restrictions are lifted by the Board.

At the minimum:

- No open air (outdoors) trash fires or burning of debris at any time under any conditions.
- Homes with wood-burning fireplaces/wood stoves must ensure that sparks/embers are not emitted from the chimney. Tree branches must be trimmed a safe distance from the chimney outlet. Good forestry dictates a clear zone from all dwellings (see the USFS in Fairplay for guidelines).
- Fireplace/stove coals will be placed in adequate closed, metal containers and doused with water stirred into the coals. Coals must be cold to the touch whenever they are removed for disposal.
- Lot owners/campers who plan to build fires must ensure that:
 - All fires are built in a fire enclosure of stone or metal at least 12 to 20 inches above ground with at least 8 inches below ground and lined with a stone, metal or concrete floor. Dig down at least 12 inches within the pit and remove all vegetation prior to laying the floor of the fire pit.
 - All campfires must be built within the fire pit and must be continually attended at all times.
 - Campfires should be kept small and spark/ember control must be used to prevent accidental ignition of surrounding grass, brush or tree limbs. It is advisable to equip the fire pit opening with a wire mesh or full grill cover to help arrest sparks/embers.
 - All vegetation/combustible material must be scraped/removed from at within a minimum of a 6 foot circle around the outside of the fire pit.
 - All campfires must have a rounded, steel shovel within reach of the fire pit and a minimum of 10 gallons of water within 10 feet of the fire enclosure.
 - Fires will be extinguished using water stirred into the coals and made cold to the touch. All fires will be extinguished in this manner if not attended.
 - Fires may not be built at any time in any dwelling that does not conform to Park County Building Codes. Assure all dwellings in which stoves were installed with substandard single wall pipes, improper height, stove placement and insulation are brought up to Park County Code. The risk to Redhill, your neighbors, property, homes and the beauty of Redhill, not to mention your personal financial liability, is not worth the risk to you, your family and your neighbors.