

Wildfire Prevention

95% of all wildfires are started by human activity

Using Outdoor Equipment Properly

- Ensure equipment is used properly, and in proper working order. Be aware of spark potentials (e.g. Mower blades striking rocks, overheating motor, etc.).

Be Prepared to Put Out a Small Fire

- Have at least two ways to put out a fire while doing anything that could result in a fire (Driving, Mowing, etc.).
- Know who to call if a fire starts and cannot be controlled quickly.

Maintaining Your Property

- Mow regularly.
- Create a defensible space around homes near wildland areas.
- Make sure fire trucks can get to your house and outbuildings in an emergency.
- Regularly inspect your chimney, and make sure it has a spark screen that is in good working condition.
- Stack Firewood at least 100 feet away from your home, preferable uphill.

Operate and Maintain Your Vehicles

- Avoid driving on dry grass or brush. Exhaust systems are hot enough to start fires!
- Secure chains and other dragging parts that could cause sparks.
- Maintain brakes and tire pressure. Thin brake pads and driving on rims can cause sparks!

Follow Safe Fire Habits

- Observe burn bans announced by local governments.
- **Remember:** There is no recreational or debris burning within Riverside city limits.
- Avoid burning debris outdoors during windy days or when surrounding vegetation is dry.
- NEVER leave a fire unattended. By law, a responsible adult must attend a fire until it is out.
- Soak grill for fireplace ashes in water for a day before disposing of them.
- Keep landscape burn piles smaller than 4 feet by 4 feet and clear all flammable materials and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of the pile.
- Burn only on Permissive Burn Days according to your local air district with a valid Burn Permit.

Camp Safely

- Obtain campfire permits for any campfire or portable gas stove on public lands.
- Completely extinguish a fire: Drown the fire with water, stir the site to ensure all embers are wetted, and feel the area with the back of your hand to make sure nothing is still smoldering.

