



**BERNALILLO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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Due to the lack of precipitation, high winds, and low humidity, fuels throughout the Unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County continue to dry out, increasing the danger of fires to a hazardous level. Fire incidents for all Local, State, and Federal agencies are on the increase. As a precautionary measure, The Bernalillo County Fire Department is implementing fire and open burning restrictions for the Unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, beginning Friday March 6, 2009 through such time the Bernalillo County Fire Department determines it is safe to resume open burning. Therefore, the following types of fires and open burning are prohibited in the Unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County.

- Above Ground Detonation
- Agricultural Burning
- Bon Fires
- Burning of Explosives
- Campfires
- Ceremonial Fires
- Controlled Burning
- Cooking Fires
- Disease Control
- Heating Fires
- Hot Torch Burning
- Ignition of Rocket Motors
- Open Burning
- Open Flames
- Timber and Forest Management
- Research and Development
- Slash Piles
- Smoking
- Weed Burning
- Charcoal broilers, barbecue grills, wood and coal burning stoves used outside of private dwellings are classified as campfires are prohibited.

Exceptions:

Cooking or heating devices that use kerosene, white gas, or propane as fuel may be used with adequate fire protection and defensible space.

Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ashtrays.

The Bernalillo County Fire Department has a zero tolerance for any violating the open burning restrictions. Bernalillo County Field crews will issue a notice of hazard on the first offense. The notice of hazards will then be forwarded to the Fire Prevention Bureau for further action and documentation. The crew may call out a Deputy Fire Marshal to issue a citation if the offender is a repeat offender, or if the crews feel that a citation is warranted. (i.e. burning without do regard to safety)