

Fires and Campfires Policy at Eagle Lake

Fires: The potential for fire is always of grave concern at Eagle Lake, but especially during warm and dry weather.

Fires on Undeveloped Sites:

No gas, wood or charcoal fires are allowed on the site with the exception of a small, propane camp stove (no more than two burners) or small propane BBQ for cooking. Since small camp stoves and BBQ's produce open flames, they must be placed on a table or a platform, never on the ground, and may not be stored long-term on the site. Battery lanterns, only, are allowed.

Fires at Permanent Homes:

Gas, wood or charcoal burning fires will be permitted **ONLY** at developed homes, provided that ALL of the following conditions are met:

- There must be a permanent water source at the site with a hose of sufficient length (50-100 feet) to service any accidental fire.
 - Any gas, wood or charcoal-burning device, must be approved by the Design Review Committee prior to installation for new residences, except for free-standing gas, charcoal or wood-pellet BBQ's. Existing residences where fire type devices are present are subject to inspection by the DRC for compliance.
 - Permitted devices include outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, free-standing fire pits, fire tables, fire columns, fire bowls, chimineas (metal only).
 - Placement of any device covered by this section must be on a solid surface such as a deck or patio with at least 2 feet of clearance on all sides and 5 feet of overhead clearance.
 - Devices burning wood must have mesh spark arresters, which may be set aside, temporarily, for cooking.
 - Any wood or charcoal fires must be attended at all times and adhere to all county and/or state wood burning bans.
 - Fire suppression tools, such as water hose, sand and/or fire extinguishers, must be nearby and easily accessible.
 - Ashes must be disposed of in metal ash bins.
- Specifically, Campfire Rings are only permitted if built as part of a permanent home and approved by the DRC. Campfire Rings must have a 6-inch base of gravel and sand, and follow SJC guidelines. All fires must have at least 2 feet of clearance on all sides, at least 5 feet of overhead clearance and must be at least 10 feet from any building structure.

Wood and charcoal fires are not permitted during high wind watches or warnings (see the NOAA site for wind warnings: forecast.weather.com and enter the 98279 zip for Olga). The Eagle Lake Caretaker may e-mail notices of weather conditions and burn bans. For questions about burn bans, contact the San Juan County Fire Marshal's office, 360-378-3473.

The DRC or ELCA Board must approve any condition or request not covered by the above guidelines prior to construction or usage of any kind.