

**FREDERICK-FIRESTONE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



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Why Is There A Need for Controlled Burns?

During late winter and early spring months we experience a large increase in the number of prescribed and controlled burns throughout Weld County and areas around the Town of Frederick and the Town of Firestone.

Both the Town of Frederick and the Town of Firestone have local ordinances that restrict open burning except controlled burns to clear irrigation and drainage areas and open farming fields as approved by the towns and the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District.

In unincorporated Weld County, farmers and companies that are responsible for irrigation waterways can conduct a control burn when they obtain a Weld County Burn Permit through the Weld County Department of Public Health.

We always get the question: Why is there a need for controlled burns?

Controlled burns are completed to burn-off last year's over growth and left-over debris from farming. This helps to eliminate agricultural waste going into landfills and to prepare the ground for planting. Controlled burning also destroys weeds without using chemicals.

Controlled burns are also conducted to ensure that water flows unimpeded from waterways, open space, drainage ditches and agricultural canals during heavy rain and run-offs to reduce flooding on roadways, property and buildings upstream.

The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District does monitor all controlled burns and burn permits issued by Weld County for areas within our jurisdiction.

ABOUT THE FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (FFFPD) is governed by an elected Citizen Board of Directors and provides all-hazard response to include fire suppression, emergency medical, specialized rescue, and fire protection, prevention and education services to residents and

businesses within the Town of Frederick, the Town of Firestone and unincorporated portions of Weld County, Colorado. For more information about the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District, please contact FFFPD Community Outreach Specialist Summer Campos at 303-833-2742 or by email at scampos@fffd.us. The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Business and Education Center is located at 8426 Kosmerl Place, in Frederick, Colo.