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Ogden Valley Adopts Fire Restrictions Ahead of July Fourth Celebrations

OGDEN VALLEY, Utah — Fireworks were banned by city ordinance starting Tuesday, June 23. That ban will be expanded on June 29, when the City Council is expected to adopt an ordinance banning not only fireworks, but also adopting additional restrictions announced by the state. The only fireworks exceptions are for properly permitted public fireworks displays, which can still go forward under the restrictions.

The combined ordinances restrict personal fireworks throughout the new city and automatically put general fire restrictions — like Stage 1 burn bans — into effect within city limits whenever Weber Fire District or another fire authority declares them for the surrounding region. With the nation preparing to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, residents are encouraged to celebrate with fire safety in mind.

Officials and residents are urging extra caution after the recent Middle Fork Fire burned approximately 345 acres. Weber Fire District Marshall Golden Barrett, who personally oversees fire prevention in Ogden Valley, spoke at the recent June 23 City Council meeting where the fireworks ban was adopted. He noted that current conditions throughout the entire valley put the area at high-risk, similar to conditions normally only seen in late summer. He affirmed that the city is justified in adopting the aggressive measures set forth in the new ordinances.

Those who hold a permit or waiver for a specific activity at a specific location are exempt from the listed prohibitions.

The restriction covers brush, forest, and dry-grass areas; land near waterways, trails, canyons, and ravines; and the wildland-urban interface — which together make up the large majority of Ogden Valley's land area.

Separately, the State of Utah has also issued its own Stage 1 fire restrictions for parts of northern Utah, announced by the governor's office in cooperation with the Utah Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The Northern Utah Interagency news release said the restrictions apply to BLM-managed lands administered by the Salt Lake Field Office, the Stansbury and Vernon Management Areas in Tooele County within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests, and unincorporated private and state lands in Tooele, Salt Lake, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder, Cache, Rich and Weber counties. Incorporated cities and towns are exempt from the state order. Wasatch County also implemented a combined Stage 1 fire restriction and fireworks restriction order for unincorporated private and state lands.

Under Ogden Valley City's own ordinance, the City automatically adopts whatever restriction level — Stage 1, Stage 2, or equivalent — is issued by Weber Fire District, Weber County, or the state for the surrounding area, so residents should expect city rules to track regional conditions closely as the fire season continues.

What the Restrictions Prohibit

Under Stage 1 restrictions, now in effect:

- Campfires and open fires outside of approved campgrounds and homesites with a pressurized water system
- Discharging or using any fireworks, pyrotechnics, or similar devices in restricted areas of the city
- Shooting exploding targets or tracer ammunition
- Cutting, grinding, or welding metal in areas of dry vegetation, without authorization and fire prevention measures
- Operating motorized equipment — chainsaws, generators, ATVs, and similar — without a working spark arrestor
- Smoking near vegetation or outside developed recreation sites, personal vehicles, or buildings
- Open burning, including brush, debris, and slash burning

What Remains Allowed

- Campfires at approved recreation sites and at private residences with a pressurized water system, where allowed by the fire code official
- Propane stoves, gas grills, griddles, and propane fire pits with an on/off switch, used in areas cleared of flammable material



FIRE RESTRICTIONS








✓ **ALLOWED** WITH CAUTION, UNDER STAGE 1 RESTRICTIONS

Campfires Allowed ONLY When:



In an agency-developed recreation sites with pressurized water system





Propane Stoves



Gas Grills



Blackstones/Griddles



Propane Fire Pits

OR

In a permanently constructed fire pit at private residences with a pressurized water system



✗ **WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED**



DISCHARGING OR USING ANY FIREWORKS



OPERATING ENGINES WITHOUT A SPARK ARRESTOR OR PARKING ON DRY GRASS

- Chainsaws
- ATVs
- Motorcycles
- Other small engines



DUMPING CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES OR HOT ASHES



SMOKING IN DRY VEGETATION

Except inside a vehicle, building, developed recreation site, or an area free of dry vegetation.



USE OF TRACER AMMO OR OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES INCLUDING EXPLODING TARGETS



CUTTING, WELDING, OR GRINDING METAL IN DRY VEGETATION



Prevention is our First Response to Wildfire

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Restrictions may vary by agency and location.



AGENCY EXCEPTIONS



MAPS



RESTRICTION ORDERS

UtahFireInfo.gov



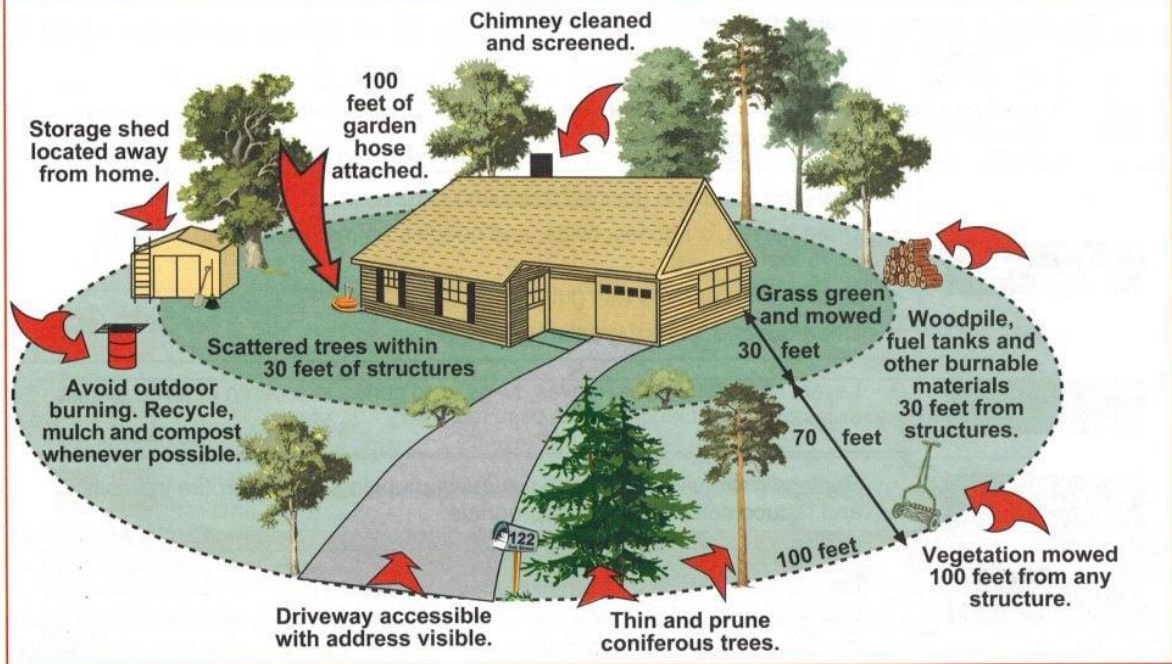
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Anyone who violates the city’s fire and fireworks restrictions can face a Class B misdemeanor, and fireworks violations specifically carry a fine of up to \$1,000. Violators may also be held liable for fire suppression and emergency response costs.

Fire Safety Tips for Residents

1. Create defensible space and harden your home

Summary – Protect Your Home From Wildfire



- 0–5 ft: noncombustible zone
- 5–30 ft: reduce fuels
- 30–100 ft: thin vegetation
- Clean roofs and gutters
- Use ember-resistant vents
- Move combustibles away from structures

2. *Be prepared*

- Have a family and livestock evacuation plan
- Keep a go bag ready
- Build a 72-hour kit

3. *If a wildfire starts*

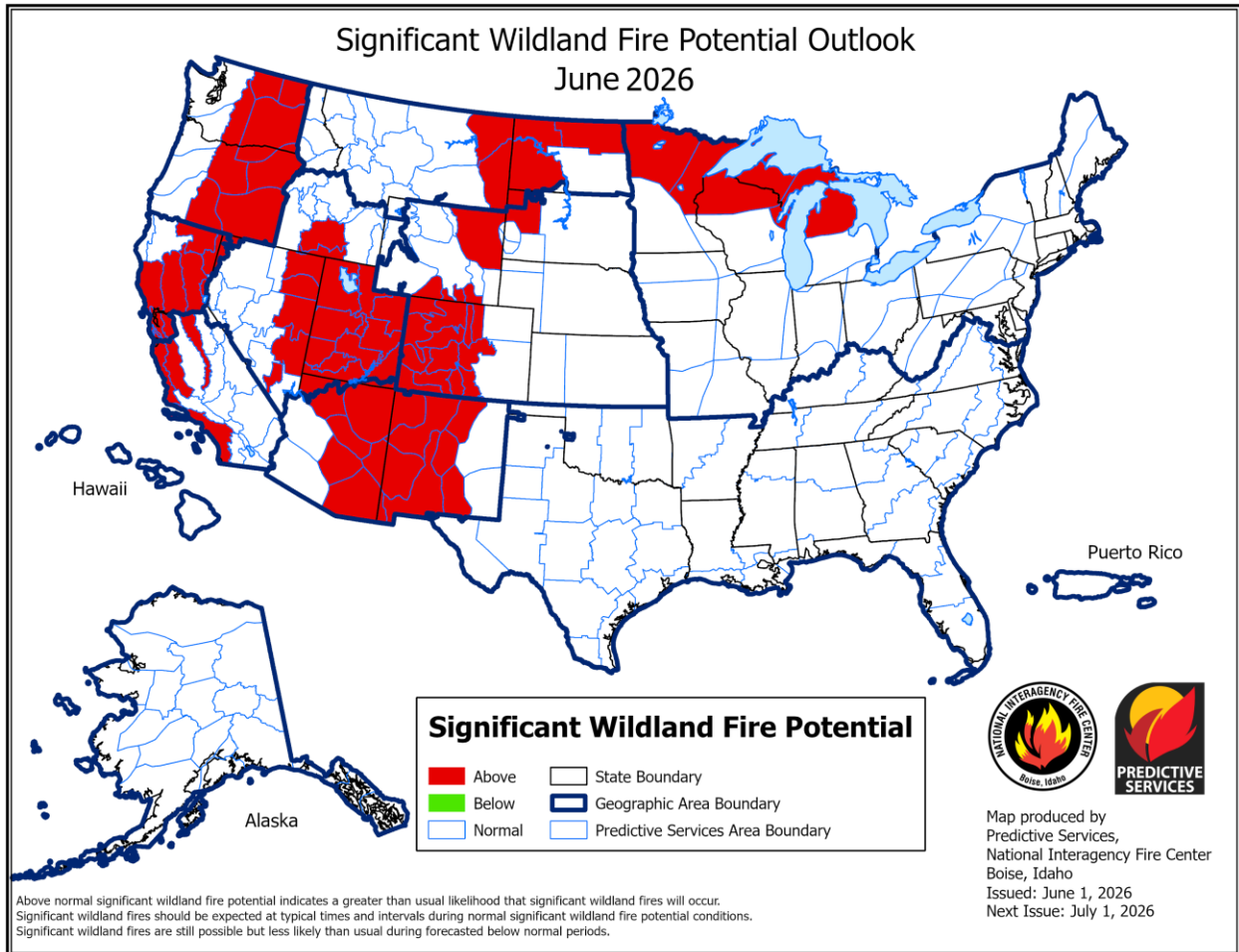
- Call 911 immediately
- Keep roads clear — don't drive to the fire to look or take pictures. This hampers firefighters' efforts.
- Never fly drones near fires. Aircraft used in firefighting efforts will not fly in areas where drones are present.
- Follow official alerts

Where to Find Fire Information

- utahfiresense.org
- iafc.org

- nfpa.org
- airnow.gov/wildfires/
- hub.arcgis.com
- gacc.nifc.gov
- everbridge.com

Residents can also use the Watch Duty app for up-to-date wildfire information. The Significant Wildfire Potential Outlook currently shows the entire state of Utah as above normal for wildfire risk.



As fire danger rises, Ogden Valley residents are being asked to do their part to keep the community safe, protect homes and open space, and help ensure the valley stays green through the summer season.