

Stage III Fire Restrictions In Effect

NOT allowed:

- Any open combustion or fire
- Charcoal fires, smokers, cooking
- Wood fires, smokers, cooking
- Gas fire rings
- Shooting of firearms
- Smoking outside of an enclosed vehicle or structure.
- Welding, metal cutting or grinding outside of an enclosed structure.
- The use of chainsaws and other equipment powered by internal combustion engines is also restricted.

Allowed:

The only type of fire allowed outside of an enclosed structure is the use of gas grills and portable gas stoves that are controlled by an on/off switch or knob and that are being used at a private residence.

**For more information contact
Sedona Fire District
928-204-8926
Monday through Thursday
7:00am to 5:00pm**

Sedona Fire District

Press Release

Stage III Fire Restrictions Extended to All Areas of Sedona Fire District

SEDONA – (May 30, 2018) – Due to decreasing fuel moistures and the weather outlook, the Sedona Fire District (SFD) Fire Marshal has extended Stage III fire restrictions to cover the entire Sedona Fire District regardless whether those areas are within Yavapai or Coconino Counties. This restriction will begin effective 08:00 a.m. Thursday May 31st which coincides with another period of Fire Weather Warning issued by the National Weather Service. “Last week Coconino County enacted Stage III restrictions,” said Fire Marshal Jon Davis, “and after taking a rational look at the conditions we face, it makes sense to extend those restrictions to our entire fire district.” Fuel moisture levels have recently dipped into critical levels and with the outlook for ‘Red Flag’ and ‘Fire Weather Watch’ days the potential for severe consequences both during and after fires is extreme. “We have to remember that devastating fires also cause catastrophic post fire effects such as mudslides, erosion and falling rocks,” explained Davis, “the fire is only *part* of the problem.”

The decision making process for these types of discussions are complex. SFD realizes that these decisions may adversely affect some people within our fire district but must balance those concerns with the safety of our citizens and protecting our natural resources. “These decisions are not taken lightly,” said Fire Chief Kris Kazian, “I would much rather be proactive than wishing we had taken additional measures after a fire starts.”

SFD wants to reinforce that this restrictions applies to all areas within SFD boundaries regardless of the county that you are in.

All permits and variances issued by SFD are hereby revoked and no new permits or variances will be issued until fire restrictions have been lifted.

What is NOT allowed;

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- Charcoal fires, smokers, cooking
- Wood fires, smokers, cooking
- Gas fire rings
- Shooting of firearms
- Smoking outside of an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Welding, metal cutting or grinding outside of an enclosed building.
- The use of chainsaws and other equipment powered by internal combustion engines are not allowed between the hours of 09:00 a.m. and 08:00 p.m. The equipment must have a working spark arrester in place and the operator must have a means of fire suppression onsite. SFD also has an additional requirement of a 1 hour fire watch after the use of such equipment ceases. The use of chainsaws and other equipment powered by internal combustion engines is prohibited entirely on days when a Red Flag Warning is in place. Visit <https://www.weather.gov/fire/> for more information.

What is allowed;

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For questions regarding the restrictions in place in Sedona Fire District please contact the SFD Community Risk Management Division at 928-204-8926 Monday through Thursdays.

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