

Backyard campfires

Under a fire-code amendment adopted by the Summit County Commissioners and each of the town councils, a permit is required for all recreational (a.k.a. “backyard”) campfires in Summit County.

Residents of the Summit Fire & EMS response area – including Copper Mountain, Dillon, Frisco, Keystone, Montezuma, Silverthorne and the unincorporated areas of Wildernest/Mesa Cortina and Summit Cove – can apply for a permit at <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/co-summit>. Create a profile for your home and apply for a permit under the “Burn Permit” category.

The permit is free for residents within the Lake Dillon Fire Protection District, the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District and the Heeney-based Lower Blue Fire Protection District.

Permits for properties outside those boundaries whose owners have not elected to join the fire district – primarily in the Lower Blue River valley north of Silverthorne – will be subjected to a \$25 fee, payable at <https://secure.colorado.gov/apps/payport/online/selectServiceType.jsf>.

An inspector will contact you for next steps.