



Gila River Indian Community **OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS**



Due to increasingly hot dry weather conditions,
open burning is prohibited until further notice.

HIGH FIRE DANGER

For more information please contact:

Gila River Fire Department (520) 796-5900

BIA Pima Agency Fire Management Program (520) 562-3975

Gila River Department of Environmental Quality (520) 562-2234

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Gila River Fire Restrictions and Burn Moratorium 2019

The Gila River Indian Community under GR 004-17, Title 21; Fire and Life Safety Ordinance has instituted campfire and open fire restrictions effective **IMMEDIATLY** and until further notice. The restrictions are as follows:

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or wood stove is prohibited, except within a developed recreation site or improved site. The use of petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, providing such devices meet listed specifications for safety, are allowed.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible and flammable material and/or vegetation.
3. Issuance of burn permits through the Gila River Department of Environmental Quality.

EXEMPTIONS:

The following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit/approval specifically authorizing the prohibited act, i.e., prescribed burns. Special Permits may be issued on a case by case basis by the Gila River Fire Department only. The permits shall be with the concurrence for air quality management through the Gila River Department of Environmental Quality and will have stringent stipulations and requirements for fire safety. These will only be approved by the Fire Department following a thorough review process involving Fire Operations, Fire Prevention, and the BIA Pima Agency Fire Management Officer. These permits may require a Special Suppression Standby.
2. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Cultural, ceremonial, or religious fires are allowed.

This order is necessary to protect public health and safety because of fire hazard conditions in the Community. For additional information, contact the Gila River Fire Department Fire Prevention Division at (520) 796-5900, the Gila River Department of Environmental Quality at (520) 562-2234, or the BIA Pima Agency Fire Management Officer at (520) 562-3975.