

**Outdoor Activity Guidelines
For the Very High Index
(Stage 1 Restrictions)**

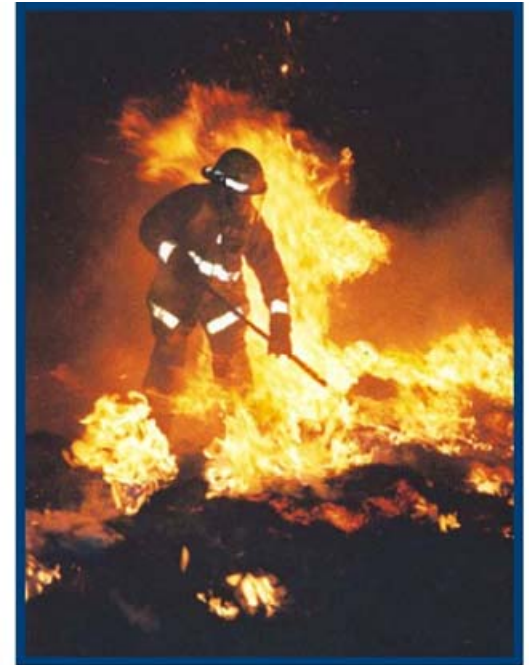
Open Burning	Use fire tools and monitor the fire at all times. Restrict burning to early morning and late evening hours when low wind conditions exist. <i>Examples</i> Campfires: Clear area around fire. Brush, Field, Ditch, Haystack: Clear fuel from the area surrounding the burn site. Have extinguishing agent immediately accessible.
Off-Road Motorized Travel	Carry fire extinguishers and fire tools. Pay attention to fire hazards posed by exhaust systems and catalytic converters.
Smoking	Restrict smoking to areas free of combustible materials. Use ashtrays and proper disposal containers.
Fireworks	Carry fire extinguishers and fire tools. Restrict use to late afternoon and evening hours when low wind conditions exist, or as outlined by restrictions from local authorities. Consumer fireworks are only legal from 5pm to two (2) hours after sunset June 29 to July 8 excluding July 4 when they are allowed from 10am-12 midnight..
Equipment Operations	Carry fire extinguishers and fire tools, as recommended. <i>Examples</i> <u>Farming</u> : Conduct frequent inspections of farm machinery to reduce debris accumulation. <u>Welding</u> : Use spark arresters as recommended and keep a 10-foot radius surrounding a welding site cleared of combustible material. <u>Railroads</u> : Conduct weekly inspection of exhaust arrester systems and brakes.

**Outdoor Activity Guidelines
For the Extreme Fire Danger Index
(Stage 2 Restrictions)**

Open Burning	Open burning is prohibited. Open burning does not include fires in enclosed chambers that pass through a chimney or a stack and utilized on a flat surface.
Off-Road Motorized Travel	Off-road motorized travel is prohibited except for persons engaged in a trade, business or occupation where it is re-quired. Fire extinguishers and fire tools are required.
Smoking	Restrict smoking to inside of vehicles, places of habitation and areas cleared to mineral soil. Use ashtray and proper disposal containers.
Fireworks	Use of fireworks by individuals is pro-hibited. Consumer fireworks are only legal from 5pm to two (2) hours after sunset June 29 to July 8 excluding July 4 when they are allowed from 10am-12 midnight.
Equipment Operations	<u>Farming</u> : Conduct frequent inspections of farm machinery to reduce debris ac-cumulation. Remain at the work site one-half hour after operations are com-pleted. <u>Welding</u> : Use spark arresters, as re-quired, and keep a 10-foot radius sur-rounding a welding site cleared of com-bustible materials. Water tanks with 100 gallons and 100 feet of hose are re-quired. <u>Railroads</u> : Conduct weekly inspections of exhaust arrester systems and brakes.



**Town of Fishers
Fire Danger Guide**



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The **Town of Fishers Fire Danger Guide**, designed for citizen's, equipment operators, and outdoor enthusiasts, outlines procedures that will greatly reduce the chance that fires will threaten lives and property.

Fire Danger Index

The Fire Danger Index, issued by the National Weather Service (NWS), serves as a guide to reduce the number of uncontrollable outdoor fires. The index is an indication of fire potential throughout the Town and provides citizens with needed information about fire safety conditions.

The index contains five ratings: **low, moderate, high, very high and extreme**. Fires are more likely to occur on higher index days and more likely to grow in size. The Fire Danger Index does not predict how a fire will behave; however, the indices give an indication of overall fire activity.

Normally, the NWS calculates the Fire Danger Index for each region using predicted values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, cloud cover, and vegetative greenness.

The NWS also issues Fire Weather Forecasts and Red Flag Warnings that refer to weather Conditions which could sustain extensive fire activity. These forecasts and warnings are used to alert land management agencies and land users when dangerous burning conditions and increased fires exist.



Index Rating	Fire Danger Description
Low	Weather and fuel indicators show the probability of fire occurrence is low.
Moderate	Weather and fuel conditions indicate some potential for fire occurrence. Expect predictable fire behavior with moderate rates of spread.
High	Fires are active. Expect moderate and occasional high rates of spread.
Very High (Stage 1)	Fires spread rapidly and show erratic behavior. Dangerous burning conditions exist.
Extreme (Stage 2)	Potential for large fires exists. Fires spread rapidly. Extreme fire behavior is probable. Critical burning conditions exist.

Outdoor Activity Guide

When the fire danger index reaches the very high or extreme categories, certain guidelines for outdoor activities are recommended to reduce the chance of life-threatening or property-damaging fires.

During severe, extended dry conditions or drought, the Governor may issue a proclamation mandating these guidelines. Fines and other penalties may be assessed for failing to comply.



The following three charts list other outdoor activity guidelines for the five fire danger indices.

Outdoor Activity Guidelines For the Low, Moderate, and High Fire Danger Indices

Open Burning	Examples Campfires: Clear the area around the fire. Brush, Field, Ditch Haystack Fires: Clear fuel from the area surrounding the burn site.
Off-Road Motorized Travel	Pay attention to fire hazards posed by exhaust systems and catalytic converters.
Smoking	Use ashtrays and other proper containers.
Fireworks	Avoid fire potential by following safety guidelines for projected aerial devices. Consumer fireworks are only legal from 5pm to two (2) hours after sunset June 29 to July 8 excluding July 4 when they are allowed from 10am-12 midnight.
Equipment Operations	Conduct routine maintenance to reduce conditions that may cause a fire.

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or contact the Fishers Fire Department at (317) 595-3200 for more information.