



## Outdoor Fire Restrictions Begin in Gila County

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Hot temperatures and increased fire danger have prompted fire officials to implement fire restrictions for the Tonto National Forest beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Most types of fire or fire-causing activities are prohibited across the entire Tonto National Forest.

**Gila County Ordinance 11-02 stipulates that each time the Tonto National Forest issues fire restrictions, similar restrictions will apply to all unincorporated areas within Gila County.** Therefore, fire restrictions for all unincorporated areas within Gila County will also begin 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Gila County's fire restrictions exclude all cities, towns, and tribal lands. **The ordinance prohibits residents from building, maintaining, attending or igniting open outdoor fires, bonfires, campfires, or fireworks.** The complete ordinance can be found at: [http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/board\\_of\\_supervisors/ordinances.php](http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/board_of_supervisors/ordinances.php) under "Open Outdoor Fire"

According to Sheriff Adam Shepherd, "The Gila County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance policy on violations of the County's Fire Ordinance and the public should expect our officers to be on full alert during this year's fire season." Each violation pursuant to this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for each violation.

Complete information on the Tonto National Forest Fire Restrictions can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov/tonto/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto/) or by calling the Globe Ranger District at 928-402-6200, the Payson Ranger District at 928-474-7900, the Pleasant Valley Ranger District at 928-462-4300, or the Tonto Basin Ranger District at 602-225-5395.

Be ready for fire season by signing up for Everbridge, Gila County's emergency alert system, at [readygila.com](http://readygila.com).

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