

# Open Air Burning Bushland Category



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## The following burning off regulations apply to residents living within the Bushland Category:

### What can I do?

- Burn off for fuel reduction or biosecurity purposes\*, on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- Firepits and Chimineas are permitted for use in Bushland Areas for personal comfort anytime, provided they do not cause offensive smoke

*\*Biosecurity burning will require a Schedule 14 Permit from the CFA during the Fire Danger Period.*

### Other legal requirements under the local law:

- The person has registered the burn with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511
- Burning off is permitted for fuel reduction and biosecurity purposes\* only
- No burning off on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Sundays
- No burning off in June and July
- A person must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place
- No burning on a CFA declared Total Fire Ban Day or during the Fire Danger Period
- Never burn when the wind speed is more than 19km/hour
- There is supervision, a supply of tools and

water supply available at all times to minimise the risk of fire spreading

- All open air fires and incinerators must be extinguished before being left unattended
- The smoke/odour does not cause offensive smoke to enter another property or create a smoke hazard for traffic
- The fuel is not noxious or offensive
- The distance from the outer extremity of the fire to any other fuel is at least 3m, including above the fire.
- Where the property is less than two hectares in total area, reasonable measures are taken by the person to advise neighbouring landowners and occupiers at least 24 hours prior to burning


### Why have an Open Air Burning local law?

The new local law came into effect in 2018 and was developed to achieve a greater balance between managing fire risk and addressing environmental and health concerns.

Council is committed to ensuring a safe and clean environment for all visitors and residents.

As part of that commitment, Council's Open Air Burning Local Law aims to:

- Minimise nuisance and hazards caused by smoke
- Manage fuel loads and protect biosecurity
- Minimise bushfire risk
- Protect the amenity of the Yarra Ranges



A full description of the Yarra Ranges Council Open Air Burning Local Law can be found on Council's website: [yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

### **Which category do you live in?**

To look up your area, visit [yarraranges.vic.gov.au/myneighbourhood](http://yarraranges.vic.gov.au/myneighbourhood) and enter your address. Ensure that suffixes such as “road” and “street” are spelled out in full.

For more information, including information about permits, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au), [yarraranges.vic.gov.au/burningoff](http://yarraranges.vic.gov.au/burningoff) or call Yarra Ranges Council on: **1300 368 333**