

Local Law

Open Air Burning

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For more information on Open Air Burning please contact us on **1300 368 333**

Residential Bushland Areas

Yarra Ranges Council residents need to be aware of the Open Air Burning Local Law.

The new local law came into effect in 2008, and was developed to achieve a greater balance between managing fire risk and addressing environmental and health concerns.

The following burning off regulations apply to residents living in Residential Bushland areas:

- Burning off for fuel reduction purposes is only allowed on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 6pm
- A person must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place
- No burning on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday
- No burning in June & July
- No burning on a CFA declared Total Fire Ban Day
- No burning during the Declared Fire Danger Period, without a permit—*each year the CFA declares the time frame for this period and displays signs to advise when it starts and finishes.*
- No burning on EPA declared Smog Alert Days
- No more than one fire alight at any time without a permit

Other legal requirements under the local law:

- Burning off is permitted for fuel reduction purposes only
- Never burn when the wind speed is more than 15km/hour
- Fires must be supervised at all times by an adult
- A reticulated water supply or vessel containing at least 10 litres of water must be available at the site of the fire
- A fire must not cause nuisance through excessive smoke outside of a property boundary or create a hazard on a public highway
- Make sure the material you are burning is dry—burning wet or green vegetation produces excessive smoke and is prohibited under the local law.
- The volume of fuel to be burned at any one time is no greater than 1 cubic metre

Which area do you live in?

Some changes have been made to the zoning for Rural, Residential Bushland and Urban areas.

If you are unsure about the zone you live in, contact the Council on:- **1300 368 333**

Note: These restrictions do not apply to a fire lit in the course of duty by an officer or member of the Metropolitan Fire and Fire Emergency Services Board, the Country Fire Authority or the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

A full description of the Yarra Ranges Council Open Air Burning Local Law can be found on the Council website www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au or phone: **1300 368 333**