

# Local Law

## Open Air Burning

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

### Rural 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 Rural areas:

- A person must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place
- No burning off on a Sunday
- No burning on a CFA Declared Total Fire Ban Day
- A permit is required to light a windrow between October 31 and the following May 1; Sundays are prohibited
- Properties under 1 hectare need a permit if burning more than 1 cubic metre at a time
- No burning off during the CFA 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.*
- A permit is required if more than two fires are alight at one time on a property
- No burning on an EPA declared Smog Alert Day

#### 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.

*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](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au) or phone: **1300 368 333**

#### 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**