

# Open Air Burning Urban Areas



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## Burning off in Urban Areas is prohibited

The following burning off regulations apply to residents living in Urban Areas:

### What can I do?

- Firepits and Chimineas are permitted for use in Urban Areas for personal comfort anytime, provided they do not cause offensive smoke

### Other legal requirements under the local law:

- A person must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place
- A person must not, without a permit, engage in open air burning or use an incinerator at any time
- All fires and incinerators must be extinguished before being left unattended
- Permits will not be issued for CFA Declared Total Fire Ban Days or during the CFA Declared Fire Danger Period

**Permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances and contain strict conditions**

### 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.

Yarra Ranges 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 for agricultural purposes
- 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 area 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**

