

Open Air Burning Urban Category



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Burning off in the Urban Category is prohibited

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

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

Which category do you live in?

To look up your area, visit 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, yarraranges.vic.gov.au/burningoff or call Yarra Ranges Council on: **1300 368 333**

