

FACT SHEET



2017/18 Fire Restrictions

Fire Danger Periods

The declared fire danger period generally commences in December and remains in force until May unless extended or curtailed.

During this period permits can only be issued to burn grass or stubble in preparation of crop sowing or other farm activities such as land reforming.

The lighting of fires in a residential or built up area is prohibited throughout the year.

Owners should ensure that all fire hazards are removed from their land. This will mean the slashing or removing of grass, dry timber, cardboard boxes and other combustible material from their vacant allotment.

These requirements are subject to seasonal conditions and may differ each year.

No fire may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban

Fire Prevention Notices

Council officers inspect vacant land and issue Fire Prevention Notices to people who have failed to effectively remove fire hazards.

These notices require the owners to comply with directions within 14 days.

Failure to comply will result in an infringement notice being served and/or a court appearance.

This procedure can be avoided by taking the necessary action before the fire danger period starts and maintaining land in a hazard free condition.

Depending on where the land is situated, requests for a permit to burn tree branches or other combustible materials must be referred to the District Office of the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

Obtaining Permits

Permits to burn are required during the declared fire danger period which is proclaimed by the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

Permits to burn will only be issued to farmers for the preparation of crops.

The CFA determines when permits will be made available.

Permit to Burn

Contact your Regional CFA Office
CFA District 22 Headquarters
Address: 195-205 Numurkah Road Shepparton
Post: PO Box 932 Shepparton, VIC 3630
Phone: (03) 5833 2400
Fax: (03) 5833 2482

For more information visit
www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-permits/

Fire Protection

Please cut and remove potential fire hazards from your property before 1 November each year.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect their property and surrounding properties by ensuring that their property is properly cleared prior to the summer season. This includes:

- Cutting long grass adjacent to houses and outbuildings to ground level
- Lopping trees overhanging roofs
- Cleaning spouting of debris and leaves.

During the fire danger period:

- a Permit to Burn must be obtained before any fire may be lit in the open
- seasonal conditions may require grass slashing two or more times to remove fire hazards prior to the danger period.

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Mon to Fri 8.30am to 5pm

