

Open Air Burning Urban Areas



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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 CFA Declared Fire Danger Period

Permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances with strict conditions

Why have an Open Air Burning Local Law?

The *Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2020* came into effect on 14 September 2020.

It retained the existing Open Air burning provisions from the previous Open Air Burning Local Law 2018.

The Open Air Burning provisions are in place to achieve a greater balance between managing fire risk and addressing environmental and health concerns.

Council is committed to ensuring safe and clean environment for all visitors and residents.

As part of that commitment, Council's Open Air Burning provisions aim to:

- Minimise nuisance and hazards caused by smoke
- Manage fuel loads and protect biosecurity
- Minimise bushfire risk
- Protect the amenity of the Yarra Ranges

A full description of the Open Air Burning provisions can be located in the *Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2020* which 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**.