

# Yarra Ranges Fire Hazard Inspection Process



## COURTESY LETTER

A Courtesy Letter is issued to a property owner who received a Fire Prevention Notice the previous fire season.

The letter is issued as a reminder to prepare their property for the coming fire season without waiting for a Fire Prevention Notice.

All property owners and residents have a responsibility to maintain their properties and reduce the threat and spread of bush and grass fires.

For more information and tips on preparing your property, visit Council's website:

[www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Environment/Preparing-for-the-fire-season](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Environment/Preparing-for-the-fire-season)

**\$0.00**  
No fee associated



## INSPECTION 1

Fire Prevention Officers will inspect all areas conducting fire hazard inspections to ensure neighbourhoods are prepared for the fire season.

If a property is identified as having a fire hazard, a Fire Prevention Notice will be issued under the CFA Act, which requires the property owner to remove the fire hazard as directed by the expiry date or face further action and a fine.

**\$0.00**  
No fee associated



## INSPECTION 2

Fire Prevention Officers will conduct a second inspection after the expiry date on the Fire Prevention Notice, to confirm that the fire hazard has been removed.

If the Fire Prevention Notice has been complied with, no further action will be required.

If not, Council will engage a contractor to remove the fire hazard. This is called a "Compulsory Clearance".

**\$0.00**  
No fee associated



## COMPULSORY CLEARANCE

An authorised contractor will remove the fire hazard within seven days of the second inspection.

All fees associated with this action will be borne by the property owner.

**Compulsory Clearance**  
**Administration Fee**  
**\$244.50**  
**+ Contractor Fees**



## INFRINGEMENT

Council will also issue a Fire Hazard Infringement to property owners who fail to comply with Fire Prevention Notices. These are issued under Section 41D of the Country Fire Authority Act. Failure to pay the penalty can result in further litigation.

**Infringement Penalty**  
**\$1,974.00**