



# Shire of Yarra Ranges Open Air Burning Local Law



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## Residential Bushland Areas

Shire of Yarra Ranges residents need to be aware of some important changes to the Open Air Burning Local Law.

A new local law will come into effect from July 1, 2008, and has been developed to achieve a greater balance between managing fire risk and addressing environmental and health concerns.

The following burning off regulations apply to residents living in Residential Bushland areas:

- No burning in June and July
- No burning on a Sunday
- No burning on a CFA declared Total Fire Ban Day
- No burning during the Declared Fire Danger Period, including use of incinerators, without a permit – *each year the CFA declares the time frame for this period and displays signs to advise when it starts and finishes*
- No burning on EPA declared Smog Alert Days
- No more than one fire alight at any time without a permit.

## Which area do you live in?

Some changes have also been made to the zoning for Residential Bushland, Rural and Urban areas. If unsure about the zone you live in, contact the Shire of Yarra Ranges on 1300 368 333.

For all other times, the following regulations apply

- Burning off for fire reduction purposes is only allowed on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 6pm.

### Other legal requirements under the new local law:

- Burning off is permitted for fuel reduction purposes only
- Never burn when the wind speed is more than 15km/hour
- Fires must be supervised at all times by an adult
- A reticulated water supply or vessel containing at least 10 litres of water must be available at the site of the fire
- A fire must not cause nuisance through excessive smoke outside of a property boundary or create a hazard on a public highway
- Make sure the material you are burning is dry – burning wet or green vegetation produces excessive smoke and is prohibited under the local law.

*Note: These restrictions do not apply to a fire lit in the course of duty by an officer or member of the Metropolitan Fire and Fire Emergency Services Board, the Country Fire Authority or the Department of Sustainability and Environment.*

A full description of the Shire of Yarra Ranges Open Air Burning Local Law can be found on the shire's website [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au), or phone 1300 368 333.