

Burning in the open

There are new laws in place about burning in the open. These laws aim to minimise smoke impacts in populated areas, keeping the air clean and community safe.

A permit may be required

The new laws mean that a burning permit is now required, if you wish to burn in the open in a residential part of the Victor Harbor township.

No permit is required for properties zoned rural or rural living. Rural property owners do need to abide by the CFS codes of practice for Broad Acre Burning or Vegetation Rubbish Pile Burning. Please visit the CFS website for copies of these Codes of Practice.

If a burning permit is issued in a residential area of the township, burning can only be undertaken between the hours of 10am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday.

No burning is permitted on Sundays.

Applying for a permit

Permit applications are available online at victor.sa.gov.au, or can be collected from the Council Office.

There is no cost to apply for a permit, and it takes around 7 days to process applications.

Be safe and considerate

When burning in the open you need to take into the consideration:

- Burning must be done in accordance with CFS Codes of Practice for Broad Acre Burning or Vegetation Rubbish Pile Burning
- All vegetation to be burnt should be dead and completely dry – do not burn green vegetation
- Weather conditions must be considered before lighting, preferably choosing a cool and calm day

- Give fires maximum air-flow for efficiency, resulting in less smoke
- Do not cause a smoke nuisance to your neighbours.

Burning as a last resort

Before applying for a permit to burn in the open, have you considered alternatives?

- Garden and general household waste can be taken to the Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot.
- Use your green organics kerbside bin.
- Compost green organics in your garden.

Comfort fires

On total fire ban days, you **cannot light a fire for warmth or comfort.**

However, if it is not a total fire ban day, you may have a comfort fire providing that:

- The fire is in a 30cm deep trench and no more than one (1) square metre in area
- You have a four (4) metre clearance around and above the fire
- A responsible person is in attendance at all times with water and/or an appropriate extinguisher.

Please note that only charcoal is allowed to be burnt for comfort fires within a metropolitan area or within township boundaries by the EPA Legislation.

The use of above ground fires such as chimineas, fire drums, braziers are only permitted with the use of permits.

More information?

Contact the City of Victor Harbor's Fire Prevention Officer on 8551 0500.