

Open air burning – Urban and Township Zone

The following burning off regulations apply to residents and property owners whose property is in the Urban and Township Zone.

Not sure which zone you live in? Check your zone at:
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

What is permitted in Urban and Township Zone?

- Burning off for bushfire fuel reduction can only occur under a permit issued by Council.
- Permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances with strict conditions.
- Alternative options, such as green waste bin service or bookable hard and green waste collections are available. Go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recycling for more information.
- Firepits and chimineas are permitted for use, for food and personal comfort, anytime except on CFA-declared Total Fire Ban Days, provided they do not cause an unreasonable nuisance and basic safety requirements are met. Go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au for more information.



Conditions	Urban and Township Zones
Days when fires are permitted.	Subject to permit
Number of fires permitted at any one time.	Subject to permit
Minimum distance required from the edge of the fire to any buildings.	Subject to permit
Minimum fire break size (an area clear of combustible materials around the fire).	Subject to permit
Maximum size of fire (the size of the amount of material).	Subject to permit

Why have a local law including open air burning provisions?

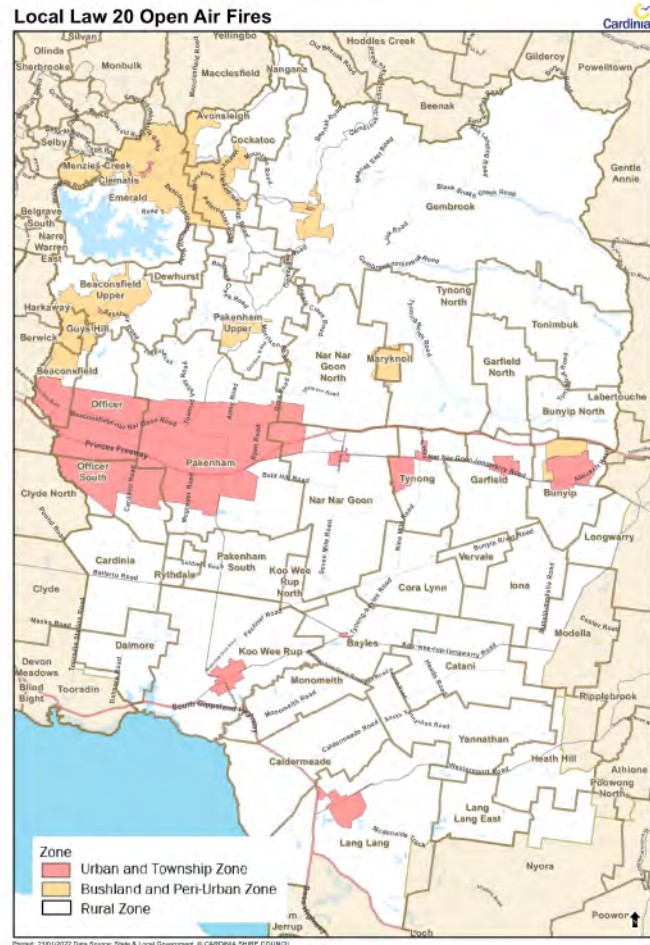
The *Cardinia Shire Local Law 20 Open Air Fires* came into effect on 1 July 2022. The open air burning provisions are in place to achieve a greater balance between managing fire risk and addressing environmental and health concerns. Council is committed to ensuring a safe and clean environment for all 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
- minimise bushfire risk
- protect the amenity of Cardinia Shire.

The open air burning provisions are fully detailed in the *Cardinia Shire Local Law 20 Open Air Fires* which can be downloaded from Council's website: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

For more information, including information about permits, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff or contact Council on **1300 787 624**.

Cardinia Shire Local Law 20 Open Air Fire Zones



Burning off is a last resort

Burning off to reduce fuel loads on your property and to get rid of dry weeds, undergrowth, tree clippings and other vegetation should always be a last resort.

Alternatives to burning off include Council's optional green waste bin service or bookable hard and green waste collections. Please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recycling for more information.

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