

Changes to open air burning regulations

Local Law 20 – Open Air Fires

Council has recently changed its open air burning regulations.

On 1 July 2022, changes to local laws that may affect you came into effect to zones and days when burning off is permitted in 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

Cardinia Shire is divided into 3 open air fire zones: *Urban and Township Zone, Bushland and Peri Urban Zone, and Rural Zone.* To check which zone your property is in go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

Please note: Open air burning is NOT permitted at any time during the month of July each year.



| Conditions | Urban and Township Zone | Bushland and Peri-Urban Zone | Rural Zone |
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| Days when fires are permitted. No burning off in July. | Permit required | Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday | Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday |
| Number of fires permitted at any one time. | Permit required | 2 | 2 |
| Minimum distance required from the edge of the fire to any buildings. | Permit required | 12 metres | 12 metres |
| Minimum fire break size (an area clear of combustible materials around the fire). | Permit required | 5 metres | 5 metres |
| Maximum size of fire (the size of the amount of material). | Permit required | 3 metres in any dimension | 3 metres in any dimension |

When do you need a permit?

If your property is in the *Urban and Township Zone* or you can't meet any of the relevant conditions in a *Bushland and Peri-Urban Zone* or *Rural Zone* you will need a Council-issued permit to burn off.

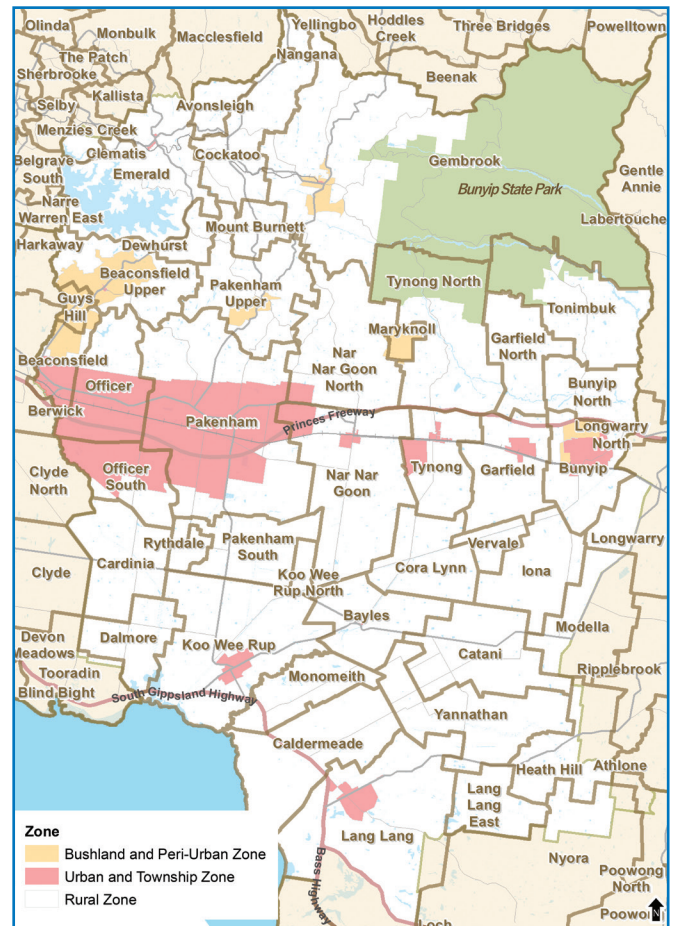
You can apply for a permit at no charge. Go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff or by calling **1300 787 624**.

Properties in all zones

The following conditions must be met at all times:

- **No burning on a CFA-declared Total Fire Ban Day or during the fire danger period.**
- You **must** register your burn to ESTA/Triple Zero Victoria on 1800 668 511 or www.firepermits.vic.gov.au
- You must have the land owner or public land manager's consent.
- No burning on severe weather warning days as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).
- No burning on days when the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Air Quality Index is 'poor', 'very poor' 'or hazardous'.
- Burning off is permitted for bushfire fuel reduction only.
- No burning of industrial or domestic waste.
- Use of accelerants is prohibited.
- Use of incinerators is prohibited.
- You must ensure all fires are attended at all times and be able to extinguish the fire at any time.
- All open air fires must be extinguished before being left unattended.
- You must comply with direction from emergency services or an authorised officer in respect of an open air fire.
- A person must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place.
- Your open air fire must not be a danger or nuisance.
- You must take reasonable measures to advise neighbouring landowners and occupiers at least 24 hours prior to burning.

Cardinia Shire Local Law 20 Open Air Fire Zones



Fire pits, barbecues, pizza ovens and chimineas

Properly constructed fireplaces, designed primarily for food and personal comfort, are permitted to be used where they do not cause an unreasonable nuisance and basic safety requirements are met.

More information: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

For more information, refer to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/openairburningreview



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