



If structures or septic tank systems on your property have been affected by bushfire, the following information may assist you in regard to the establishment of temporary accommodation and storage on fire affected properties.

Latrobe City Council's Health Services officers are able to give you individual advice about your property and what you need to do. Latrobe City Council's Health Services officers can be contacted on 1800 017 777.

Temporary Accommodation

The Victorian government introduced a new clause to the Planning Schemes of Victoria on 23 February 2009. Clause 52.38 'Bushfire Recovery' will assist with immediate recovery operations including site clean up and temporary accommodation. The buildings allowed under this clause are to be used on a temporary basis and will need to comply with the requirements of the Building Act and Regulations.

You do not need a planning permit if:

- Works are only constructed or carried out for bushfire recovery.
- A building constructed under this provision is only used:
 - » To provide temporary accommodation; or
 - » For uses directly associated with bushfire recovery.
- The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works is completed prior to 31 March 2010.
- A use must not continue and a building must not be used after 31 March 2011 unless in accordance with the requirements of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.

Please note that you will still require a building permit. The Statutory Planning Department will be pleased to provide you with a letter that you can take to a building surveyor to obtain a building permit.

Any temporary accommodation requires access to water and a suitable septic tank system or other approved method of sewerage disposal, for example, a composting toilet. Any temporary structures will need to be fitted with working smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher.

Permits are required to use land for temporary accommodation from Council's Health Services department. Latrobe City Health Services application forms are available from Latrobe City Council Services Centres and Recovery Centres. Any permits issued will expire on 31 March 2011.

For the development of permanent replacement dwellings, outbuildings, swimming pools and spas please refer to the 'Post Fire Planning and Building Processes Emergency Recovery Fact Sheet'.

Temporary Outbuildings for Storage

Outbuilding(s) for the purpose of storage on fire affected properties that no longer contain a dwelling may be established with written approval from Latrobe City Council's Planning Department without a planning permit. To obtain this approval, please contact Latrobe City Council's Statutory Planning Department on 1800 017 777. Council will provide you with a letter that can be passed on to your registered building surveyor prior to the issuing of a building permit.

A planning permit is not required under Clause 52.38 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme to construct a temporary outbuilding for the purpose of storage on properties affected by the 2009 bushfires. Such outbuildings will be considered temporary until they are incorporated into future planning permit for a dwelling and ancillary outbuilding(s).

A Planning Permit for a dwelling and ancillary outbuilding(s) must be obtained from Latrobe City Council prior to 31 March 2011. If planning approval is not obtained, the temporary outbuilding must be removed or demolished.

For the development of permanent replacement dwellings, outbuildings, swimming pools and spas please refer to the 'Post Fire Planning and Building Processes Emergency Recovery Fact Sheet'.

Septic Tank Systems

Some septic tank systems may have been damaged as a result of bushfire. A septic tank permit will need to be obtained to replace, repair or alter any damaged system.

Latrobe City Council's Health Services officers are happy to provide advice to landholders regarding their septic tank systems.

For further information regarding septic tank systems, please contact Latrobe City Council's Health Services Department on 1800 017 777.