

Are you burning-off safely?

Each year CFA crews are called out to assist many people whose burn-offs have got out of control.

There are a few simple things you need to do before, during and after burning-off to ensure that you are doing so safely.



	Have you checked your council's Local Law in regards to when and where you can burn off?	You need to check your councils website for Local Laws to ensure you are allowed to burn off. Your council may have regulations and certain days that you can burn.
	Have you checked the weather?	Check weather forecasts for the day of your burn-off and a few days afterwards. If it is too windy it is recommended that you postpone your burn off. Also check that it won't be too windy on following days as the wind can reignite your burn.
	Do you have an adequate water supply?	You need to have enough water with you for the duration of the burn, to extinguish any possible outbreaks.
	Clean up around your burn site.	Create a minimum 3 metre clearance of all flammable material around and above your whole burn off site.
	Have you registered your burn off?	Register your burn off by calling 1800 668 511 . This will ensure that the CFA won't be called out unnecessarily to your burn off.
	Have you notified your neighbours?	Ensure you are considerate of your neighbours when burning off. Notify them if you are in close proximity and the smoke may affect them.
	Have you put it out properly?	Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish your burn off safely and effectively. Ensure that your burn off is 100% out before you leave it.

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

All fires in the open air for burning off are banned during Total Fire Ban Days. Any permits issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer are suspended for the duration of any Total Fire Ban Days.



FIRE DANGER PERIOD

Before you burn, check if the Fire Danger Period is in force. If so, you can only burn off if you have a written permit issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office.



More information can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au