

## Things to know about Open Air Burning

- ◆ A fire lit for cooking or warmth must be in a barbeque or properly constructed fireplace, not larger than one metre square.
- ◆ Solid fuel includes heat beads, briquettes and dry timber.
- ◆ Garden waste and leaves **cannot** be burnt – mulching is a good alternative.
- ◆ “Offensive materials” such as rubber, plastics, garden refuse, cardboard, newspaper, petrol's and oils, paints or chemicals **cannot** be burnt.
- ◆ An on-the-spot fine of \$200 may be issued to persons not complying with this local law, or lighting a fire when a permit is required.

## Conditions required for open air fires

- ◆ Fire to be located 5 metres away from property boundaries or any building.
- ◆ Fire to be cleared of any flammable material for a radius of 3 metres.
- ◆ Fire not to be lit on a windy day (wind speed is greater than 15kph).
- ◆ Fire to be supervised by an adult.
- ◆ 10 litres of water or a working water hose must be available at the fire site.

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# Open Air Burning In Greater Bendigo

## New Clearer Rules for Cleaner Air

The new open air burning provisions of the City of Greater Bendigo's Environment Local Law No. 3 came into effect on 1 July 2010.

The new provisions are easier to understand and aim to strike a balance between lighting open air fires for warmth, cooking or fuel reduction and decreasing the impact of smoke on residents in built up areas of the municipality.

Whether or not a resident can light an open air fire without a permit depends on property size not the day of the week.

## The following conditions apply to open air burning across the City of Greater Bendigo.

- ✓ A fire can be lit for cooking or warmth.
- ✓ Properties greater than 1 hectare in size do not require a permit to light an open air fire, to burn dry solid fuel.
- ✓ On properties less than 1 hectare in size, no open air fire is allowed without a written permit.
- ✓ Permits will be granted to burn dry solid fuels only.
- ✓ Permits are free of charge.
- ✓ Notify VIC Fire on 1800 668 511 with any approved open air burning.
- ✗ Incinerators **cannot** be used at any time.
- ✗ **No** lighting fires on Total Fire Ban days.
- ✗ **No** lighting fires during the Declared Fire Danger Period without a permit.
- ✗ A person who lights a fire without a permit – must extinguish the fire immediately when directed to do so by the City of Greater Bendigo, CFA or Police.

**Any further questions can be directed to  
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