

# Open Air Burning Regulations October 2021 only

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Open Air Burning Local Law regulates burning off outside of restrictions have been removed to enable landowners to burn off for fire prevention purposes. During the month of October 2021 some open air burning restrictions have been removed to enable landowners to burn off for fire prevention purposes.

## I am on land of less than 1,500 square metres, can I burn off?

Yes, Open Air Burning is permitted only on Fridays and Saturdays between 9am and 4pm on land between 500 and 1500 square metres, provided that:

- your property is within the Mornington Peninsula Shire Bushfire Prone Area. Visit:  
[mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan](https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan).
- for the purposes of fire prevention
- no more than 1 cubic metre of vegetation is burnt at any one time
- the fire is not within 10 metres of any neighbouring dwelling
- the General Fire Safety Provisions are followed at all times.

## I am on land of more than 1,500 square metres, can I burn off?

Yes, burn off is permitted as long as the fire is lit/remaining lit only on a Friday or a Saturday and not before 9am or after 4pm, provided that:

- no more than 10 cubic metres of vegetation is burnt at any one time
- the fire is not within 10 metres of any neighbouring dwelling
- the fire is lit or allowed to remain alight in accordance with Clause 61 – General Provisions (see website)

## I am on land of more than 40,000 square metres, can I burn off? (Bushfire Prone Area does not apply)

Yes, Open Air Burning is permitted provided that:

- no more than 100 cubic metres (e.g. 5m wide x 5m long x 4m high) of vegetation is burnt at any one time
- the fire is not within 100 metres of any neighbouring dwelling
- the fire is lit or allowed to remain alight in accordance with clause 61 – General Provisions. (see website)

## What are the General Fire Safety Provisions when I am burning off?

The following provisions must be followed, regardless of land size:

- Give notice to adjoining landowners/occupiers 24 hours prior to the burn
- Call at least two hours prior to the burn to log your fire with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority  
[1800 668 511](tel:1800668511)
- Establish a fire break of no less than 3 metres cleared of all flammable material
- Ensure the fire is supervised by an adult at all times
- Ensure there is sufficient fire protection equipment available on site at all times
- Ensure the vegetation to be burnt is dead and dry prior to lighting (no green waste)
- Ensure at the site of the fire, the wind speed does not exceed 20 kilometres per hour

For more information visit:

[mornpen.vic.gov.au/openairburning](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/openairburning)

Please consider the potential impacts of smoke on your neighbours and use other methods of vegetation removal such as chipping, mulching and green waste collection ahead of burning.

Smoke presents a health risk to vulnerable groups such as people with asthma, people with pre-existing respiratory or cardiac conditions, the elderly and young children.

For more information about the Fire Prevention Program contact the Environment Protection Unit:

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