



# Burning in the open

**As of 1 July 2017 there are new laws in place regarding burning in the open in residential parts of the township. These laws aim to minimise smoke impacts in populated areas, keeping the air clean and the community safe.**

## A burning permit is required

The new laws mean that a burning permit is now required, if you wish to burn in the open in a residential part of the Victor Harbor township. No permit is required for properties zoned rural or rural living.

Rural property owners do need to abide by the CFS codes of practice for Broad Acre Burning or Vegetation Rubbish Pile Burning.

Please visit the CFS website for copies of these Codes of Practice.

If a burning permit is issued in a residential area of the township, burning can only be undertaken between the hours of 10am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday.

**No burning is permitted on Sundays.**

## Applying for a permit

Permit applications are available online at [victor.sa.gov.au](http://victor.sa.gov.au), or can be collected from the Council Office.

There is no cost to apply for a burning permit, and it can take up to one week to process applications.

## Be safe and considerate

When burning in the open you need to take into the consideration:

- All vegetation to be burnt should be dead and completely dry — do not burn green vegetation.
- Weather conditions must be before lighting, preferably choosing a cool and calm day
- Give fires maximum air-flow for efficiency, resulting in less smoke.
- Do not cause a smoke nuisance to your neighbours.

## Burning as a last resort

Before applying for a permit to burn in the open, have your considered alternatives?

- Garden and general household waste can be taken to the Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot.
- Use your green organics kerbside bin.
- Compost green organics in your garden.

## More information?

Contact the City of Victor Harbor's Fire Prevention Officer on 8551 0500.