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**Can I
barbecue?**

Before you use a BBQ or light a fire for cooking outdoors, first check:

- **Is the Fire Danger Period in place?**
- **Has a Total Fire Ban Day been called?**

Rules about fires for cooking* can change depending on the time of year and where you are in Victoria.



Fire Danger Periods

During the Fire Danger Period you can't light a fire or use a BBQ for cooking unless you follow these rules:

- The wind is less than 10 km/h. This means that leaves are moving around in the wind.
- The area 3 metres around and above the fire must be clear of anything that can burn.
- Never leave the fire or BBQ alone. A person who can put out the fire must always stay by the fire.
- The BBQ must be turned off or the fire completely put out when finished.



Total Fire Ban days

On Total Fire Ban Days you can use a gas or electric BBQ but you must:

- Follow the same rules for the Fire Danger Period and have water ready to put the fire out.
- You should have 10 litres of water ready, or a hose connected to a tap and ready to use.

You can't cook outdoors using solid fuel such as wood or heat beads:

- These BBQs or fires are banned on a Total Fire Ban Day.

There is more you will need to know about the law around cooking outdoors in Victoria.

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**Special conditions apply for commercial caterers. See cfa.vic.gov.au/can for details.*



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