Total Fire Ban Days
No flames
No fires
Weather District

CFA Fired Up English EAL Program
Restrictions

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

RESTRICTIONS APPLY
What you can and can’t do: cfa.vic.gov.au/can

COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY
WARNING
FIRE DANGER PERIOD
NO BURNING OFF
WITHOUT A WRITTEN PERMIT

CFA Fired Up English EAL Program
No Campfires
No Charcoal BBQ’s
No burning of grass or wood
Avoid mowing or trimming
No sparks
Can I or Can’t I?

This guide gives you general information about what you can and can’t do during declared Fire Danger Periods and on days of Total Fire Ban, when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

CFA declares Fire Danger Periods by municipalities in the country area of Victoria during periods of increased fire risk. Refer to the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for further details about your location. In state forests, national parks and on protected public land, fire restrictions are in force all year round. Contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for advice on fire restrictions in these areas. Always check with your municipality as some have restrictions in place all year round.

Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to control. The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days includes large fines and possible imprisonment.

Can I have a barbecue, light a camp fire or light a fire for warmth or comfort?

No, unless:
- The wind is not more than 10km/hr and this can be observed.
- Flammable and combustible materials are kept at least 20 metres from the outer perimeter of the fire and the unshadowed point of the fire is clear of flammable material.
- The fire does not occupy an area in excess of 5 square metres and the person is responsible for ensuring that the fire is kept under control.
- A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is burning and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire.

Note that the CFA Act 1998 defines a properly conducted fireplace as a fireplace that is a fire pit or pit with a lid or cover that is constructed of non-flammable material and is water filled. The size of the hole in the lid or cover does not exceed 1 square metre and the size and dimensions of this hole are the minimum necessary for the purpose.

On the Total Fire Ban Days, only barbecues are allowed and a person must be in attendance at all times while the fire is burning. Flammable material is not allowed. It is also not allowed to have a camp fire or light a fire for warmth or comfort. If you are not sure, please check the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for further details.

I run a meal preparation business (eg catering), or am a community/charitable/ fundraising or similar organisation. Can I set up and light a fire to operate a barbecue, cooker or hotplate at outdoor functions?

No, unless:
- The wind is not more than 10km/hr and this can be observed.
- Flammable and combustible materials are kept at least 20 metres from the outer perimeter of the fire and the unshadowed point of the fire is clear of flammable material.
- The fire is in a properly constructed fireplace or in a brazier at least 20 metres deep.
- The area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeter of the fire is free from unwanted flammable vegetation.
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