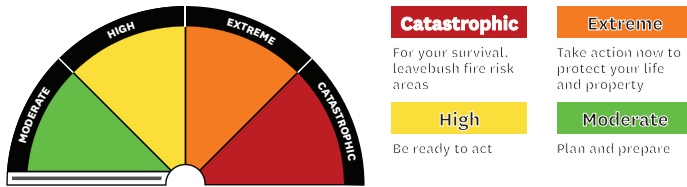


## Know your Fire Danger Rating

Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger if a bushfire starts. They are important because they provide people with information so that they can protect themselves and others from the impacts of bushfires. They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring. Visit: [cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/about-fire-danger-ratings](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/about-fire-danger-ratings).

## Australia's Fire Danger Rating System is changing



## Planning for an Emergency

Emergencies come in many forms and can happen at any time, affecting your life in ways you don't expect.

Life can be busy and we may not feel like we have time to get prepared for emergencies but taking action now will save you and your family a lot of stress and help you to recover quickly after an emergency. Visit: [emergencyprepare.com.au/](http://emergencyprepare.com.au/) for more information or contact Council to receive a copy of the 'Are you prepared for an emergency?' booklet.

## Ways to dispose of green waste

- Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Frankston-Regional-Recycling-and-Recovery-Centre-FRRRC](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Frankston-Regional-Recycling-and-Recovery-Centre-FRRRC).
- Hard waste collection, visit: <https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Hard-waste-collection/Book-a-hard-waste-collection>
- Composting, worm farms or Bokashi buckets, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Composting-worm-farms-and-Bokashi-buckets](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling/Reducing-your-waste/Composting-worm-farms-and-Bokashi-buckets)

In the event of an emergency

## Dial 000

for Police, Ambulance or Fire Brigade

Are you burning off safely?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tick these actions	Follow these steps to burn off safely
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you checked your permit conditions?	This will ensure you are complying with restrictions when burning off.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you checked the weather?	Check weather forecasts for the day you plan to burn. If the wind is greater than 20km/h you must postpone your burn.  Also check the weather forecast for a few days afterwards. Strong winds on days following your burn can reignite the fire.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have an adequate water supply?	You need to have enough water ready to extinguish a possible outbreak. You must have access to a connected hose or at least 10 litres on hand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean up around your burn site	Create a 3 metre clearance of all flammable material around your whole burn site.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you registered your burn off?	To register your burn off, phone <b>1800 668 511</b> . This will ensure the fire services aren't called out unnecessarily to your burn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you notified your neighbours?	Ensure you are considerate of your neighbours when burning off. Notify them if you are in close proximity and the smoke will affect them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you put the fire out properly?	Make sure there are enough physically capable adults to monitor, contain and extinguish your burn safely and effectively.  Ensure that your fire is 100 per cent out before you leave it.

## A guide to burning off



## Requirements for lighting fires within Frankston City



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# Burning off

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I light a fire in a residential area?

Not without a Permit to Burn. A Permit is required for all land types and sizes. Properties less than 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> are generally not eligible for a Permit and should instead consider other green waste disposal options.

### How much is a permit?

Residential and commercial permit costs are reviewed annually, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits).

### How do I apply for a permit?

Online permit applications are preferred, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Emergency-services-and-preparation/Fire-safety-and-prevention/Burning-and-permits).

### When can I burn off with a permit?

Days allowed for burning with a permit are Friday and Saturday between 9am and 4pm. Applications for a Permit to Burn open each year at the end of the Fire Danger Period. All permits expire on 30 November each year or at the onset of the Fire Danger Period (whichever is earlier).

### I have an incinerator in the backyard, can I use it?

No, incinerators have been banned since 1995.

### I live in a rural area/on an acreage block, do I still need a permit?

Yes, all properties within Frankston City require a Permit to Burn, regardless of the block size or location.

### Is any open air burning allowed without a permit?

Barbecues, pizza ovens, chimeneas and braziers are allowed to be used without a permit provided they are being used for the purpose for which they were designed and they are not causing a public nuisance. Different restrictions apply during the Fire Danger Period and on a day of Total Fire Ban, visit: [cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i).

# The law regarding burning off

## Frankston City Council Community Local Law 2020

### Part 3.12 Open Air Burning and Chimneys

- a. In this clause 3.12, “in the open air” has the same meaning as that contained in Division 2 of Part III of the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*.
- b. A person must not light a fire in the open air on any land within the municipality, including in an incinerator.
- c. The prohibition in subclause 3.12(b) does not apply to:
  - i. A barbecue, pizza oven or other properly constructed appliance while it is being used for cooking food;
  - ii. A fire in a brazier or chimenea while it is being used for heating;
  - iii. A tool of trade while being used for the purpose for which it was designed;
  - iv. A fire lit during the course of duty by a member of a fire or emergency services agency; or
  - v. A person to whom Council or an Authorised Officer has granted a permit.

*Specific conditions apply to permit holders on different land sizes and types. For a full copy of Community Local Law 2020 please visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)*

- d. A person must not light a fire on any land by using any of the following materials:

Green or wet material; non timber based building materials; treated timber materials; rubber or plastic, including plastic mulch, plant pots and packaging materials; furnishings and carpet; manufactured chemicals; petroleum or oil products; paint, including any container in which paint is kept; food waste; manure and straw; carcasses or dead animals or birds, unless prescribed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (or any other Department with operational responsibility for such matters) as the only means of disposal; other offensive, noxious or toxic matter as determined by an Authorised Officer and published on Council’s website.

# During the fire danger period

In accordance with the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 during the declared Fire Danger Period:

- A person shall not light a fire in the open air except in accordance with a Schedule 13 Permit issued by a Fire Prevention Officer.\*
- A person who has lit a fire in the open air or who has been left in charge of a fire in the open air shall not leave the place of the fire unless they completely extinguish the fire before leaving or have left another person who has the capacity and the means to extinguish the fire in charge of the fire.

**\*Please note:** a Schedule 13 Permit is a different permit to the Permit to Burn issued by Council under the Local Law. A Permit to Burn issued by Council under the Local Law expires automatically on 30 November or at the onset of the Fire Danger Period (whichever is earlier).

Frankston City Council will generally not issue a Schedule 13 Permit during the Fire Danger Period. It would only consider an application under very rare circumstances. Residents are encouraged to obtain a permit for green waste/fuel reduction burning outside of the Fire Danger Period.

There is provision in the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 which allows for limited types of open air fires during the Fire Danger Period.

Visit: [cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i) for more information.

