

# Fact sheet

## Lighting fires - warmth and food preparation.

### Important information regarding lighting fires

**This information applies to all residents who may wish to light a fire for warmth (e.g. a fire pit) or to prepare food.**

Under the new Local Law, there are changes to the rules around lighting fires and open-air burning.

If you need information relating to lighting a fire to reduce fuel on your property please go to [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lighting-fires-and-open-air-burning](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lighting-fires-and-open-air-burning)

#### **You cannot light a fire on**

- a road, Council, Crown land or in a public place
- vacant land
- a smog alert day declared by the Environment Protection Authority
- a day of Total Fire Band declared by the Country Fire Authority
- during the Fire Danger Period declared by the Country Fire Authority.

#### **As the person lighting the fire you must ensure**

- the fire is always supervised by an adult
- you have equipment and can put the fire out if required or directed
- the material burning is dead and dry, and the wind is not exceeding 20km/h
- there is a three-metre clearing around the fire for safety
- that the smoke from the fire is not hazardous to health, excessive, offensive or a nuisance
- that you do not burn or allow to be burn anything which is offensive, noxious, or toxic.

A more detailed list can be found in Section 33 of the Community Local Law 2023

#### **Do I have to put out my fire if told to?**

Yes, you need to put out your fire if directed by an authorised officer of Manningham Council, a member of Victoria Police, Country Fire Authority or Fire Rescue Victoria. See Clause 35 of the Manningham Community Local Law 2023

#### **Addition information**

You can go to the CFA Website for any information about the Fire Danger Rating or whether the Declared Fire Danger Period is in place <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions>

Additional information will be updated on the Manningham Council webpage. Please visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lighting-fires-and-open-air-burning](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lighting-fires-and-open-air-burning) or scan the QR Code

