

Can I or can't I?

To report a fire
DIAL 000

Can I have a spit style rotisserie fired by **heat beads, wood or other solid fuel**?



During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- The wind is not more than 10km/h (this can be observed if leaves and small twigs are in constant motion)
- The fire is lit in a **properly-constructed fireplace** or in a trench at least 30 centimetres deep
- The area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeter of the fire and the uppermost point of the fire is clear of flammable material
- The fire does not occupy an area in excess of 1 square metre and the size and dimensions of solid fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose
- A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire
- The fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves

On Total Fire Ban Days

No

Solid Fuel barbecues are banned in the open air on Total Fire Ban Days.



Note that the CFA Act 1958 defines, a properly-constructed fireplace as a fireplace that is constructed of stone, metal, concrete or any other non-flammable material that contains the perimeter of the fire. A commercially-produced barbecue is considered a properly-constructed fireplace.

Can I use a gas-powered wildlife **scaring gun**?



During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

you have a current Schedule 14 permit and comply with each and every condition.

On Total Fire Ban Days

No

Gas-powered scaring guns cannot be used on days of Total Fire Ban.



Can I light a fire in the open air to **burn off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation**?



During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- you have a written permit issued by a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or a CFA district office
- you have a written permit issued by a Fire Prevention Officer of a public authority
- you comply with the conditions of that permit
- a person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire
- the fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves.

Many councils have local laws that ban burning off on certain days or within certain locations or at certain times within their municipalities. Check with the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

On Total Fire Ban Days

No

All fires in the open air for burning off grass, scrub, stubble or rubbish are banned during Total Fire Ban Days.

All permits issued by Municipal Fire Prevention Officers are suspended for the duration of any Total Fire Ban Day.

Any existing fires, including those that were allowed under an exemption or permit for the Fire Danger Period, are prohibited and must be completely extinguished before the Total Fire Ban begins.



Can I **drive a vehicle** in places where the vehicle will be in **contact with crops, grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation**?

During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- the vehicle is fitted with an efficient silencing device (eg muffler) which takes all the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device.

You should avoid driving vehicles through dry vegetation in hot and dry conditions even if it is not a Total Fire Ban Day, because of the risk posed by the hot exhaust system.

On Total Fire Ban Days

No, unless:

- the vehicle is fitted with an efficient silencing device (eg muffler) which takes all the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device.

This should be avoided wherever possible because the risk of starting fires is extremely high and the impact of fire on these days may be much greater.

