



Upcoming Local Law changes for open-air burning

Plan for open air burning on your property.

Important updates from the new Community Local Law 2024-2034 are set to come into effect on 1 July 2024, and here's how they could impact you.



**City of
Whittlesea**

Understanding the New Community Local Law

The Community Local Law 2024 aims to balance safety, personal freedom, and community responsibility, ensuring the City of Whittlesea remains 'A Place For All'. It covers a wide range of areas including fire safety, animals, and the upkeep of public spaces to enhance community safety and neighbourhood amenities.

Key Changes for Open-Air Burning

- **Lighting an open fire:** a person must not light any fire in the open, on a total fire ban day or smog alert day.
- **Land size:** if the property is less than 20,000 square metres in area, a person must not light an open fire without a permit, except to cook food outdoors.

What this means for you

- **Plan ahead:** before lighting an open fire, please check current fire restrictions in the municipality to comply with the new regulations by the 1 July 2024 deadline.
- **Community responsibility:** these changes are a result of community feedback, aimed at improving safety, and protecting the community and public spaces.
- **Stay informed:** read the Community Local Law by visiting engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LocalLawReview to ensure you're fully prepared for any changes that may affect you.



Let's work together to keep our community safe, clean, and welcoming for all.

