

Open Air Burning on Private Property

Clause 47 of the General Local Law 2024



You can view the clause by visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/locallaw

From time-to-time, property owners may find themselves with an excess of trimmed or fallen vegetation that is impractical to take to the Transfer Station. Instead, it may be fine to burn this vegetation on your property. Depending on the zoning of your land, a permit may be required to burn. However, whether a permit is required or not, there are certain considerations you must follow.

Zonings That Require a Permit

If your property is zoned Residential, Township, Low Density Residential, Commercial 1 or Mixed Use you must apply for a permit. A Council Officer will assess your application and if required, undertake an inspection to determine whether it is appropriate to issue a permit. During their assessment, the Officer will be looking to ensure that all conditions (see next page) can be met.

How to Report an Open Air Burn on Private Property

You can report to Council by:

 (03) 5662 9200

 council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

You can also use Snap Send Solve.



Conditions

Whether you have had to obtain a permit or are automatically approved to burn, you must adhere to the following conditions:

- Not burn within 20 metres of a neighbouring dwelling.
- Ensure the burn is supervised at all times by an adult who has the means and ability to extinguish it immediately, is never outside the line-of-sight of the fire and is never more than 50 metres from the perimeter of the fire.
- All vegetation being burnt is dead and dry.
- The wind is no more than 20 kilometres per hour (11 knots).

The burn should also be registered with the Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority (ESTA) and your immediate neighbours should be notified.

Cooking and Heating

As long as you are not negatively impacting on your neighbours, you may light a fire:

- In a barbecue or pizza oven for cooking.
- A chiminea or fire pit for warmth.
- For cultural or religious practices.

Possible Penalties

Our first priority is to work with you. However, if you fail to get a permit or fail to comply with the conditions of a burn, Officers may take enforcement action.

Penalty for lighting a fire without a permit:

Five penalty units (\$988 for 2024/25).

Penalty for failing to comply with conditions of a burn:

Five penalty units (\$988 for 2024/25).

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