

Bushfire restrictions

A guide to regulations in
the fire danger season



Plan to Survive

Understanding fire regulations

Regulations have been introduced throughout South Australia to help protect lives and property during the bushfire season.

They apply to everyone, not just those living in bushfire areas.

It is essential that you are familiar with the regulations and understand what you can and cannot do - whether you are at home, on holiday or visiting a National Park.

This guide is part of a series of booklets that contains important information on bushfire prevention and survival.

The booklet **Preparing for bushfires** explains ways of making your property less vulnerable to bushfire attack, while **Living through a bushfire** explains what to do when threatened by fire.

More detailed information can be found in a series of fact sheets available on the CFS website www.cfs.org.au or by contacting your CFS regional office or local council.

Monitoring fire bans

Controls apply throughout South Australia's 15 fire ban districts, including metropolitan Adelaide, during the fire danger season.

The use of fire during the fire danger season is strictly regulated. Severe penalties of up to \$8000 and two years' jail can be imposed if you break the law. On the spot fines of up to \$200 may also apply.

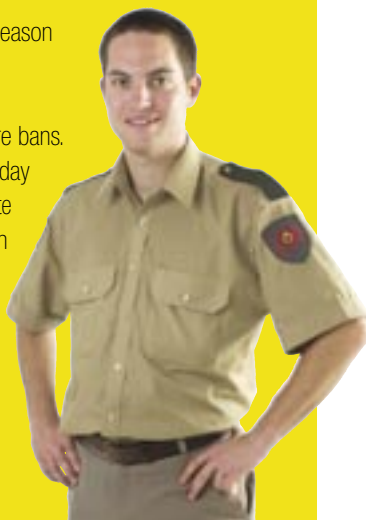
Make sure you are familiar with the fire regulations and the various restrictions imposed by different councils.

If you are visiting a new area or are unsure of the fire ban district in which you live, contact the CFS or your local council.

A map showing the districts and individual fire season dates is on the back of this brochure.

Remember, it is your responsibility to monitor fire bans. They are broadcast on the radio from 6pm the day before, and are also available on the CFS website www.cfs.org.au and SGIC fire bans information hotline **1300 362 361**.

If extreme weather conditions develop suddenly, a total fire ban can be announced as late as 7am on the morning of a ban. Alternatively, it can be removed if the conditions ease.



Fire restrictions: You

Frequently asked questions

Can I burn off on my property?

Can I burn rubbish or grass cuttings?

Can I have a campfire on my property?

Can I have a fire in a forest reserve?

Can I have a fire in a National Park reserve?

Can I have a barbecue?

Can I use fireworks?

Can I use an angle grinder, welder or any other cutting tool outside?

Can I use a chainsaw, brushcutter, mower or slasher?

How do I obtain a Schedule 9 or 10 permit?

Our questions answered

Once the fire danger season has begun, there are strict controls on the lighting of fires and the use of certain tools in the open. The restrictions remain in place until the end of the season (see following page for dates).

During the fire danger season

No, unless you have obtained a Schedule 9 permit from your local council.

Check with your local council for conditions.

Yes, but only in a properly constructed incinerator unless you have a permit from your local council to burn on the ground.

When using an incinerator you must have:

- A four-metre cleared space around and above.
- A responsible person must be in attendance at all times with water or an extinguisher.
- All incinerator doors and openings should be closed and screens and guards in place.

You must check with your local council and the Environment Protection Authority, which also has control over the lighting of fires. Some councils have totally prohibited the use of incinerators and open fires for waste disposal on domestic premises.

Yes, providing:

- The fire is in a 30-cm deep trench and no more than one metre square in area.
- You have a four-metre cleared space around and above the fire.
- A responsible person is in attendance at all times with water or an extinguisher.

No fires, including barbecues and campfires, are permitted in forest reserves. However, gas barbecues may be permitted in designated areas in Mount Lofty Ranges forests under certain conditions. For enquiries, contact the forestry reserve office.

Strict regulations apply to all fires, including barbecues, in National Parks and wildlife reserves. Signs are placed at the park entrance when fires are permitted, but they can only be lit in designated areas. Many National Parks and wildlife reserves have total bans on the use of wood fires. For further information contact the park office.

Yes, providing you have:

- A four-metre cleared area around and above the barbecue.
- A responsible person is in attendance at all times with water or an extinguisher.

Some councils allow gas or electric barbecues in caravan parks or cleared picnic areas. Look for the signs or contact the council office for advice.

No, private use of fireworks is banned.

Licensed pyrotechnics may conduct public fireworks displays providing a Schedule 9 permit has been obtained from the local council.

Yes, providing you have a four-metre cleared space around the area, and water or an extinguisher is at hand.

Yes, providing:

- The exhaust pipe is fitted with an efficient spark arrester.
- You have a four-metre cleared space around the area or the operator has a shovel or rake, and a portable water spray in good working order.

Permits can be obtained from your local council in person and over the telephone or CB radio.

You will be given a permit number and conditions will follow in the post. The conditions may vary from area to area depending on the time of year.

On a total fire ban day

No, unless you have obtained a Schedule 10 permit from your local council.

Check with your local council for conditions.

No, unless you have a Schedule 10 permit from your local council.

The lighting of incinerators is banned during total fire bans.

No, unless you have a Schedule 10 permit from your local council.

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Yes, but only if it is a gas or electric barbecue and used within 15 metres of a home or coastal foreshore.

No, private use of fireworks is banned.

Licensed pyrotechnics may conduct public fireworks displays providing a Schedule 10 permit has been obtained from the local council.

No, unless you have obtained a Schedule 10 permit from your local council.

Yes, providing:

- The exhaust pipe is fitted with an efficient spark arrester.
- You have a four-metre cleared space around the area or the operator has a shovel or rake, and a portable water spray in good working order.

Your council fire prevention officer or CFS regional office can provide further advice.



Contact your local council fire prevention officer or the CFS for more advice on bushfire safety and fire regulations.

CFS regional offices:

Region 1
**Mount Lofty Ranges/
 Kangaroo Island**
 75 Gawler Street, Mt Barker SA 5251
 Tel. (08) 8391 1866

Region 2
**Mount Lofty Ranges/
 Yorke Peninsula/Lower North**
 8 Redbanks Road
 (PO Box 1056) Willaston SA 5118
 Tel. (08) 8522 6088

Region 3
Murraylands & Riverland
 10 Second Street
 (PO Box 1371) Murray Bridge SA 5253
 Tel. (08) 8532 6800

Region 4
Mid North & Pastoral Areas
 3 Main Street
 (PO Box 2080) Port Augusta SA 5700
 Tel. (08) 8642 2399

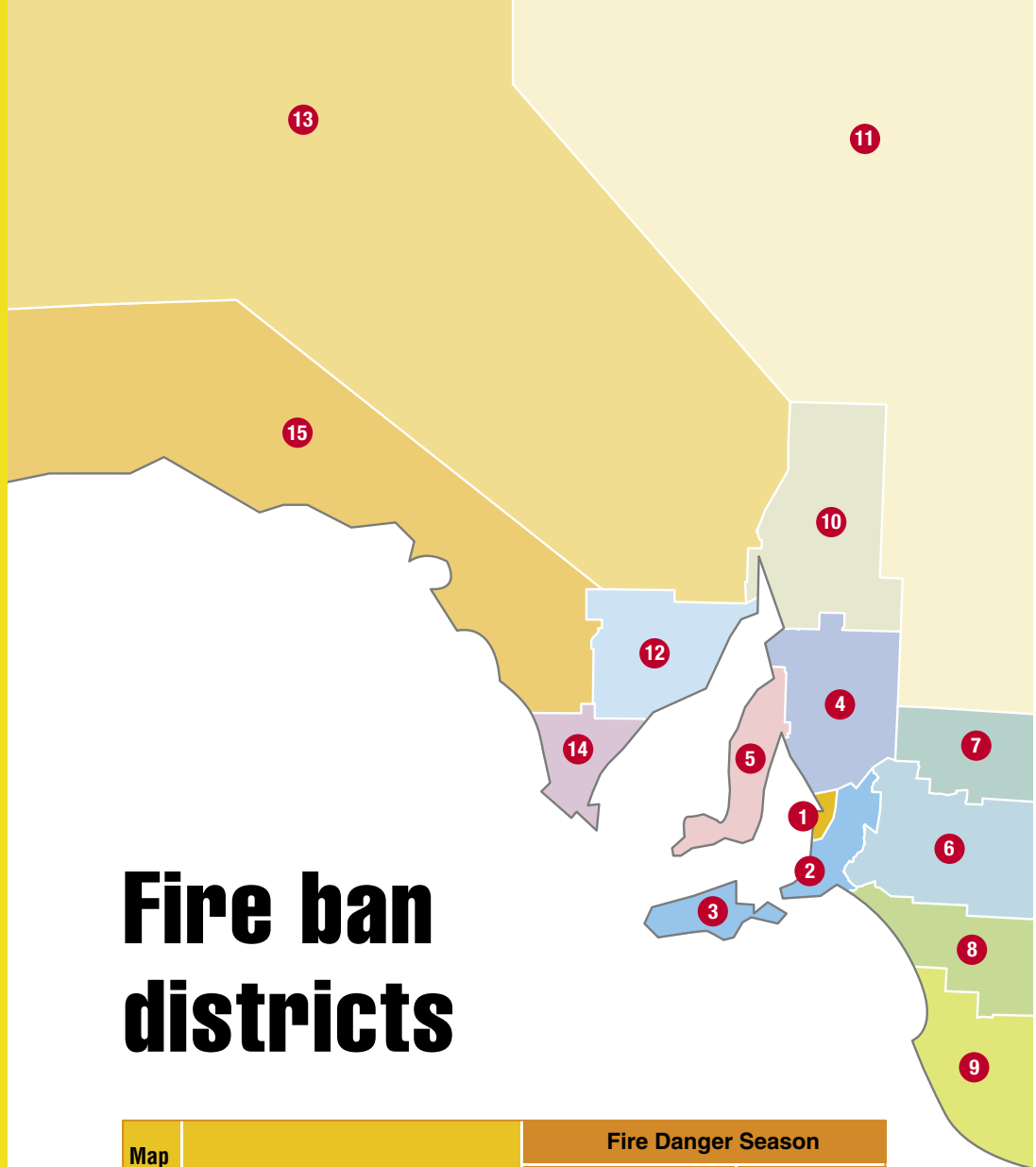
Region 5
South East
 46 Smith Street
 (PO Box 8) Naracoorte SA 5271
 Tel. (08) 8762 2311

Region 6
Eyre Peninsula & West Coast
 Level 1, Jobomi House
 48 Liverpool Street
 (PO Box 555) Port Lincoln SA 5606
 Tel. (08) 8682 4266

Adelaide Office
 Level 7, 60 Waymouth Street,
 (GPO Box 2468) Adelaide SA 5001
 Tel. (08) 8463 4200

**SGIC fire bans
 information hotline
 1300 362 361**

F Fact sheets are available from your regional CFS office or can be downloaded at www.cfs.org.au



Fire ban districts

Map ref.	Fire Ban Districts	Fire Danger Season	
		From	To
1	Adelaide Metropolitan Area	1 December	30 April
2	Mount Lofty Ranges	1 December	30 April
3	Kangaroo Island	1 December	30 April
4	Mid North	15 November	30 April
5	Yorke Peninsula	15 November	30 April
6	Murraylands	15 November	15 April
7	Riverland	15 November	15 April
8	Upper South East	15 November	15 April
9	Lower South East	22 November	30 April
10	Flinders	1 November	15 April
11	North East Pastoral	1 November	31 March
12	Eastern Eyre Peninsula	1 November	15 April
13	North West Pastoral	1 November	31 March
14	Lower Eyre Peninsula	1 November	15 April
15	West Coast	1 November	15 April

These dates may change due to seasonal conditions. Seek advice from the SGIC fire bans information hotline 1300 362 361.

