



NEW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION POLICY 2016 AND FIRE BURNING INFORMATION

The Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016 ("the 2016 Policy") replaces / consolidates several Environment Protection Policies.

The new policy prohibits burning-off within Townships and restricts the burning of wood or other plant material for the purposes of domestic heating within a Township (ie in a brazier, fire pit or chimenea).

WHAT BURNING CAN YOU DO WITHOUT A PERMIT OUTSIDE OF FIRE SEASON?

Inside a Township

- Lighting or maintaining fires for the purpose of preparing food or beverages using charcoal, dry wood or other dry plant material;
- Burning charcoal (but not wood or other plant material) in braziers for domestic heating including in chimeneas and fire pits.

Outside a Township

- Lighting or maintaining fires for the purpose of preparing food or beverages using charcoal, dry wood or other dry plant material;
- Lighting or maintaining a fire using charcoal, dry wood or other dry plant material for a camp-fire or barbecue in the course of camping, scouting or a similar outdoor recreational activity; and
- Burning agriculture or forestry waste, burning off vegetation for fire prevention or control, or burning vegetation for any other purpose, outside a fire danger season provided that:
 - the burning takes place only on land owned or occupied by the person or on land with the consent or authority of the owner or occupier; and
 - the person complies with any mandatory measures and has regard to any recommended measures contained in the codes of practice prepared by the CFS.

WHAT ACTIVITIES REQUIRE A PERMIT IN A TOWNSHIP AREA?

- Burning agriculture or forestry waste;
- Burning off vegetation for fire prevention or control;
- Burning vegetation for any other purpose; or
- Any other burning off activity.

The above activities are prohibited without written approval from the District Council of Yankalilla. The resident is to apply to Council for a permit. See "How do I Apply for a Permit?" section below.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO BURNING IN THE TOWNSHIP?

Council encourages residents to utilise the Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot for the disposal of "green waste" so it can be recycled. Smoke from burning fires can be an irritant, nuisance and cause frustration to other residents and is a major cause of complaints to Council and neighbourhood disputes.

Depending on the matter being recycled, and volume, costs may be incurred when visiting the Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot (details available on our website under "Fire Prevention" or contact FRWA on 8555 7405).

More information can be found on Council's web-site at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au



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YANKALILLA WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPOT

Located at 2864 Inman Valley Road (opposite Doctors Hill Road), Yankalilla

Ph 8555 7405, Email admin@frwa.com.au

Opening Hours

- Monday - Thursday 9am to 3:30pm
- Sunday 12pm to 4pm

Closed

- Every Friday and Saturday.
- Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday

Guidelines on costs for using Recycling Depot for green waste (non-commercial):

- Lawn clippings, weeds and grass - FREE
- Car boot - from \$5
- Station wagon - from \$10
- Ute, tray top, 6x4 trailer, dual axle trailer - water level - from \$20
- Ute, tray top, 6x4 trailer, dual axle trailer - middle heap - from \$25
- Ute, tray top, 6x4 trailer, dual axle trailer - heaped - from \$32

(Call FRWA for further clarification on costs)

WHO CAN ISSUE PERMITS?

The District Council of Yankalilla has an authorised Fire Prevention Officer, who can issue permits authorising certain burning activities within a township.

This officer can only permit activities outside of a fire danger season.

Please note permits may take up to 14 days to process.

HOW MUCH DO FIRE PERMIT APPLICATIONS COST AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

There is currently no fee to be paid when submitting a Fire Permit Application. For each application our Fire Prevention Officer will:

- Carry out a site visit and assessment of the proposed location of the fire,
- Provide a written permit, with any conditions deemed appropriate, and
- Provide a template of a notice to distribute to neighbours prior to the fire taking place.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

The Fire Permit Application Form is available from Council Offices or download the Fire Permit Application Form Fire Permit Application Form (384 kb).

Please ensure you have read the application form fully prior to completing and submitting.

Applications can be submitted at Council Offices (1 Charles Street, Yankalilla) or emailed to council@yankailla.sa.gov.au.

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HOW IS THE FIRE PERMIT APPLICATION ASSESSED?

Permits are issued as a last resort and our Fire Prevention Officer gives careful consideration to each application prior to any permit being approved. Following a site assessment, consideration is given to items such as:

- Age and ability of resident to recycle green waste,
- Access to the site (by vehicle or machine etc),
- Access to vehicle or trailer,
- Proximity of neighbours,
- Authority of the applicant to make a fire on the property (ie: owner);
- Other permits allocated within the area at that time,
- Ability of resident to use other disposal methods, i.e.: access to the Recycling Depot.
- Volume and matter of waste to be burnt, and
- Location of fire on the property.

Any permit is issued at the discretion of the Fire Prevention Officer and may be subject to restrictions, ie:

- Specified times or periods for the fire can (or cannot) take place;
- Specified circumstances or manner to be followed;
- Specified conditions regarding the matter being burned (prohibited substance will NOT be included in any permit); and/or
- Actions necessary or desirable to control or minimise air pollution.

EXPIATIONS

Non-compliance with the legislation may result in an Expiation being issued. Burning without a permit, when one is required has been classified by the legislation as a Category B offence. The expiation fee associated with this type of offence is \$300.

Please click [here](#) for further information.

IN SUMMARY

Unless a permit is provided, burn offs within the townships of the District Council of Yankalilla are **PROHIBITED ALL YEAR ROUND**.

Fire Permit applications are assessed on an individual basis and include site assessment visit and advice notices for neighbours.

Council is authorised to issue individual permits for the burning of dry vegetation only, however in the first instance we encourage use of Council's dump to dispose of green waste.

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

Call our friendly and helpful Customer Services Team on 8558 0200 (Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm).

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