

Fire Safety at AAEV SUMMER

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Bushfire is a natural part of the South Australian landscape. A bushfire can cause injury and loss of human life. It can damage or destroy property if it is able to flare up and travel through the landscape.

The Community Corporation has developed an annual checklist for fire safety and preparedness. This information is about during the fire danger season.

Before each summer and during the fire danger season

- **Develop a family fire plan (check CFS websites)**
- **Make arrangements for your pets or farm animals**

Residents must make arrangements for their pets. Lot owners keeping chickens, geese, goats or other animals on the Farm must include animal evacuation procedures in their approved Farm enterprise Management Plan.

During the Fire danger season

On a catastrophic fire day

YOU are responsible for your own safety and that of your family, your property and your pets.

During a fire event

Residents MUST obey any directive given by the SA Police, the CFS or Ambulance personnel during a fire event.

Each AAEV resident is responsible for their personal fire safety, their own home and property, insurance, & the decision to leave early or stay & defend in the case of a fire.

CFS advise that the major threat to AAEV will come from the MOSS land (farm and Willunga Creek), in an arc from northeast to around to the southwest. The CFS recommends that AAEV householders evacuate to a designated safe area (the Front car-park or the Aldinga Shopping centre).

- The CFS cannot guarantee they will have enough fire appliances to be able to assist every person/residence in the line of the fire,

- If the CFS can be on site they can't guarantee that they will have sufficient back-up water to make you or your residence completely safe,
- SA Power Networks may cut power supply to ensure fire crews & the public are safe from fallen wires,
- In the instance of no power the water mains on Port Road will not be pressurised to fill our Village tanks, your personal pumps from your tank on your property will not have power & therefore will not operate unless you have a battery backed solar system that can be isolated from the grid,

Fire related regulations applying to AAEV

Different parts of Adelaide and South Australia have different regulations that apply. Aldinga is regarded as metropolitan and is located within Fire Ban District 1.

Country Fire Service (CFS)

- advise when the fire danger season starts and finishes each year. Check the [CFS website](#) for dates.
- declare 'catastrophic' fire days and advise total fire ban days.

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

- regulates air quality in the metropolitan area and rural areas.
- has banned the use of fire pits in the metropolitan area unless charcoal is being burned.
- has banned the burning of vegetation and timber in the metropolitan area.
- allows pizza ovens, wood fired bbq's and Webber's provided that certain conditions apply.

Onkaparinga Council

- burning in the open is managed using provisions in the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*.
- Council supports State agencies by administering permits for open fires and implementing regulations, including fines for non-compliance. Onkaparinga Council issues permits for specific fire events.

CFS, EPA and Council requirements re open fires, pizza ovens, braziers etc:

- Fires must be supervised by a responsible person 18 years or over at all times whilst lit.
- Fines apply if a member of the Community Corporation leaves an open fire unattended.
- All fires must have adequate water or other extinguishing device at hand.

Open Fires, pizza ovens and braziers within AAEV

- No fires of any sort are permitted on total fire ban days.
- With the exception of the HOV pizza oven; no camp fires, pizza ovens, braziers and other fires are allowed to be lit on any common property.

- The Sharing Shed pizza oven can be used at any time throughout the year provided it is not a total fire ban day and provided that CFS and EPA requirements are met.

Responsibilities of lot owners within AAEV

Individual community members lighting fires on their own lot should refer to the relevant CFS, EPA and Council regulations and should be respectful of neighbours.

Community members booking the HOV pizza oven

- At any time of the year individual community members can book the pizza oven and surrounding external space for up to four hours.
- Community members are required to comply with CFS and EPA requirements.
- The pizza oven cannot be lit on total fire ban days.

Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016 Burning offences



When can I burn?

Inside Metropolitan Adelaide and townships

Preparation of food or beverage <i>No permit required</i>
Use of brazier, chiminea or fire pit for heating outdoor area <i>No permit required. Charcoal only</i>
Disposal of agricultural and forestry waste <i>By individual permit or general notice</i>
Burning off for bushfire hazard reduction <i>By individual permit or general notice</i>
Written consent of general notice is given by Authority or council

Outside Metropolitan Adelaide and townships

Preparation of food or beverage <i>No permit required</i>
Use of brazier, chiminea or fire pit for heating outdoor area <i>No permit required. Charcoal, dry timber or other plant matter</i>
Disposal of agricultural and forestry waste <i>No permit required. Burning must be in accordance with CFS Code of Practice for Board Acre Burning 2015 (where applicable)</i>
Burning off for bushfire hazard reduction <i>No permit required. Burning must be in accordance with CFS Code of Practice for Vegetation Pile Burning 2015</i>
Recreational purposes <i>No permit required. For campfires, scouting and outdoor activities</i>
Written consent of general notice is given by Authority or council

Does not apply to burning undertaken in accordance with any permit issued or authority given under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005

Please contact your local Council for information on permits and notices.
Please contact South Australian EPA for more information www.epa.sa.gov.au