

# Town of Gawler Backyard Burning and Fire Information



## **Backyard burning**

No burning of incinerators in the township area. (Excludes areas zoned Rural in the Town of Gawler Development Plan) Non township area (only allowed between 10am and 3pm Mon - Sat (not on public holidays or Total Fire Ban Days) Forward any Fire works permits to: Safework SA, G.P.O Box 465, Adelaide SA 5001

## **Burning in Rural Areas (Rural A, Rural B, Rural Living, Hills Face Zone)**

Permits to burn are available to residents of rural areas to burn between 1 May and 30 November. Application forms are available from Council and Council officers will inspect the property before granting the permit. Strict guidelines will be followed in assessing whether to issue a permit and a permit will only be issued if the material cannot be disposed of in any other manner. Having a permit in previous years does not guarantee a permit each year and if issued, burning is only between the hours of 10am and 3pm Monday to Saturday inclusive.

## **Burning of inflammable material**

A permit under Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 is required to burn in rural areas during the restriction period. Any person burning off or lighting a fire can be fined.

## **Fires for the preparation of food**

Are permitted when used principally for the preparation of food or beverages or the heating of a potable liquid (eg. sauce) A fire is not permitted to boil water for the purpose of sterilising containers to store the potable food or liquid. A gas ring on a gas bottle should be used for this purpose.

Burning of wood treated with chemical preservatives is completely prohibited.

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### Fire hazard reduction

Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, the owner of any land within the boundaries of Gawler Council must take reasonable steps to protect property on the land from fire, and to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire, or the spread of fire. It is necessary therefore, for Council to ensure that necessary hazard reduction work is carried out.

### Fire season information

Gawler Council is under the Mount Lofty Ranges restrictions for fires in the open from December 1st to April 30th inclusive. The Town of Gawler is serviced by MFS Ph: 1300 362 361

### Flammable undergrowth

Property owners must destroy, before 1st December, any grass, weeds or other growth, which may become flammable during the Fire Danger Season. Failure to comply with any notice issued by Council under Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005 to destroy flammable undergrowth will result in Council carrying out the work and recovering the cost from the land owner. The Fire Season runs from December 1st to April 30th, during which times fires on the ground are prohibited. Permits may only be issued by the Council Ph: 8522 9211

### Heating for personal comfort

The following heaters may be used to heat an area used for outdoor entertainment provided that the requirements listed for each heater are complied with.

- A **Brazier** using charcoal as fuel only (a 44 gallon drum cannot be used in place of a Brazier).
- A **Chiminea** (or similar) using charcoal as fuel only.
- An **Outdoor Fire Pit** using charcoal as fuel only.

Wood cannot be burnt in a Kettle (such as a Weber) for heating purposes.

### Incinerators & backyard burning

#### Domestic Premises

- Lighting or maintaining fires in the open or in incinerators is prohibited on domestic premises located within the Gawler Council residential area. It is an offence under the Environment Protection (Burning) Policy 1994.

#### Permits Required

- Unless prohibited by the provisions of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and/or the Environment Protection (Burning) Policy 1994, the lighting or maintaining of fires without the written permission of Council is an offence.