

# Burning off: The facts

If you want to 'burn off' in the Wodonga municipal area, you need to follow the guidelines and regulations set in *Wodonga Council's Environmental and Community Protection (Local law No. 3 of 2007) Policy Document*. The information contained in this fact sheet provides an overview of these regulations.

## Burning off guidelines

Wodonga Council supports a clean and green environment. While we do not actively encourage burning off we understand that circumstances arise where burning off is required.

## Why is burning off not encouraged?

- Pollution/greenhouse effect;
- Safety reasons - sparks and spread of fire;
- Offensive smell;
- Washing hanging on nearby clothes lines; and
- Smoke, which can have an affect on those suffering from asthma, hayfever, etc.

## A safer, healthier way to reduce waste for the environment is to:

- Recycle, compost and dispose of waste in general waste bins.

## Do I need a permit to 'burn off'?

If your allotment is less than 2000m<sup>2</sup> (half acre), you cannot burn off. The council will not issue a permit.

If your allotment is greater than 2000m<sup>2</sup> and not zoned 'rural', a permit is required to burn off.

If you live on land zoned 'rural', you can burn off without a permit (except in the declared fire season). However, you must advise the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in advance.

## If I am granted a permit, can I burn all materials?

No. You cannot burn the following materials:

- Manufactured chemicals;
- Rubber, plastic, petroleum or oil;
- Paint;
- Food and household waste; and
- Pressure cans.

## How do I apply for a permit?

Please contact the council's customer service officers on (02) 6022 9300 to obtain an application form. A site visit will be conducted by a council representative to determine whether a permit will be issued. Allow a minimum of three working days.

