

Fire Prevention Conditions
Permit Conditions Local - Chaff Pile/Stubble Dump Burning
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Before lighting, current and predicted weather conditions must be seriously considered as well as wind direction on the day of the burn and the following days so as not to create a smoke hazard to road users or a nuisance to townships, and prevent escapes.

- 1 Schedule 9 permit must be obtained prior to any burning commencing, and all prescribed conditions contained on that permit must be complied with.
- 2 Issuing of permits for chaff pile/stubble dump burning commences from **15 February** of any year.
- 3 Burning of chaff pile/stubble dumps will **not** be permitted on weekends and public holidays between **15 February** and **end of the Fire Danger Season** of any year.
- 4 Burning is prohibited on **Total Fire Ban** days and days when the predicted **Fire Danger Index** published by the Bureau of Meteorology at 8am exceeds a rating of **20**. If you do not have access to this information please contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on 0429 882 070 or CFS Region 6 Port Lincoln 86 824266.
- 5 Chaff piles/stubble dumps must be contained within a 20 metre burnt/cleared area immediately around the pile/dump; and a 4 metre ploughed break around the boundary of the relevant paddock.
- 6 Do not light more piles/dumps than what can be managed with the resources on hand.
- 7 A minimum of 2 able-bodied persons to control the fire be present at the site from the time it is lit until the time it is fully extinguished. (Able-bodied person is a person who is competently able to drive a vehicle and operate a pump and hose).
- 8 A minimum of 400 litres of water connected to a working firefighting pump and hoses must be kept at hand to extinguish the fire. This is to remain at the location for a further 24 hours after the completion of the burn or until the area is ploughed.
- 9 No piles/dumps are to be burnt within 100 metres of a boundary fence.
- 10 The holder of a permit must, not more than 7 days, and not less than 2 hours before the fire is lit, give notice of his/her intention to light the fire:
 - (a) To any person who owns, occupies or is in charge of land adjoining the land holding where the relevant land is situated and who resides within 8 kilometres of the relevant land, or if it is not necessarily practicable to give such a notice, to the person on charge of the nearest police station; and
 - (b) If the relevant land is inside (or partially inside) a council area – to an officer of the council for that area no later than 5pm on the day prior to the intended burn, this will allow piles/dumps to be lit as early as possible on the day of the intended burn; and
 - (c) If the relevant land is within 2 kilometers of a government reserve – to the person in charge of the reserve.
- 11 The fire must be checked between 2 to 3 hours of completion of the burn (especially if a fire ban has been declared for the following day, in which case the pile/dump must be fully extinguished by midnight) and the following morning to ensure the fire is completely extinguished.

Note: Any permit issued may be revoked at any time by an Authorised Officer if conditions are considered too dangerous for burning off operations or if permit conditions have been breached. Breach of the prescribed or local conditions may face prosecution or issued with an expiation notice.

The holder of the permit has the overall responsibility to ensure that all conditions are met, and that all reasonable care is taken to prevent the escape of fire.

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