

## Schedule 13 permits are granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The person performing the burning operation to which the permit relates must be in possession of the permit or a copy of it.
2. Notice of intention to conduct a burning operation must be given between 2 and 24 hours before the burning is to commence:
  - a. To each owner or occupier of land contiguous with the area to be burned; and
  - b. To the officer in charge of the fire brigade in whose area the burning is to take place, by telephoning the officer in charge; and
  - c. To the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (within the meaning of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority Act 2004) (ESTA), on 1800 668 511 (VicFire), or by one or more of the means of notification specified on the ESTA internet site or the Country Fire Authority internet site.
3. If the area to be burned is within 3 kilometres of any State forest, national park or protected public land, notice of the intention to burn must be given to the appropriate forest officer between 2 and 24 hours before the burning is to commence.
4. Before commencing a burning operation, a fire break must be prepared around the perimeter of the area to be burned, which is not less than three (3) metres wide and cleared of all flammable materials.
5. Burning off must not commence before 1pm DST or 12 noon EST on each day of the burning operation.
6. Every reasonable precaution must be taken that only the material specified in this permit is burned. Any other material catching alight must be extinguished immediately.
7. Until all fires lit under this permit have been completely extinguished:
  - a. The perimeter of the burning area must be continuously monitored; and
  - b. An adequate number of adults and adequate fire suppression equipment or appliances must be present.
8. If in the vicinity of the area to be burned, the shade temperature exceeds 32 degrees Celsius or the average wind speed exceeds 15 kilometres per hour:
  - a. Burning operations must not be commenced; or
  - b. If burning operations have commenced all fires must be extinguished as soon as possible.
9. All fires must be extinguished before sunrise on the day following the day on which they were lit.
10. Additional conditions:

The person performing the burning operation to which the permit relates must further ensure that:

- a. At least 48 hours before burning commences, the 48 hour weather forecast is reviewed to ensure that conditions are suitable for burning;
- b. Two manned fire-fighting appliances of a minimum capacity of 400 litres are in attendance at all times;
- c. The area is regularly patrolled for 48 hours after extinguishment of the fire;
- d. Further to condition 2(c) of the permit, at least 2 hours prior to the commencement of burning, and on each day of burning, notify Mt Arapiles Fire Tower (North) on 5387 1220 or Mt Beptcha Fire Tower (South) on 5380 1525 detailing the road and nearest intersection where burning is occurring. If fire tower is unmanned leave a message on the answering service;
- e. Further to condition 3 of the permit, If the area to be burned is within 3 kilometres of any State forest, national park or protected public land, notice of the intention to burn must be given to the Wimmera District Duty Officer between 2 and 24 hours before the burning is to commence by calling (03) 5362 0720;
- f. All necessary care and diligence is exercised to ensure that native vegetation is protected;
- g. Burning does not take place on a Public Holiday or during the Easter Holiday period (Friday 19 April - Monday 22 April inclusive); and
- h. Where trees are included within the permitted fire area, a strategic fire break of not less than 3 meters wide is to be created around each tree. The fire break may consist of a bare earth break, mown or chemical break with a ploughed strip incorporated within it, however it must be cleared of all flammable materials. Otherwise, no tree, or part thereof, whether alive or dead, is to be burnt.

**NOTE:**

Pursuant to section 38(3) of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, it is an offence to fail to comply with each of the conditions and restrictions contained within this permit. In circumstances where Council becomes aware of a breach of this permit occurring, criminal prosecution proceedings may be instituted in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria. An offence pursuant to s.38(3) carries a maximum penalty of 120 penalty units (\$19,300) or imprisonment for 12 months or both.