

Planned burns in your area

Ovens Fire District

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Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will be conducting planned burning in this area when conditions are suitable.



Crews from FFMVic (comprising Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria, VicForests and Melbourne Water) work alongside the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to carry out a fuel management program, in Victoria's public parks and forests and on private land, to reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property and the environment.

Fuel management is one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of bushfire - it includes works such as planned burning, slashing and constructing fire breaks. These works help to reduce fuel (flammable vegetation) which reduces the risk of a bushfire.

If a bushfire does occur in an area where fuel management has occurred these works can help reduce the bushfire's intensity and impact.

When will these planned burns happen?

Each burn is part of a three year Joint Fuel Management Program that outlines where FFMVic and CFA intends to carry out fuel management works on both public and private land

Although burns are scheduled to take place in a certain year and sometimes in a particular season,

this can change depending on weather and local conditions. FFMVic is unable to give you an exact date when this burn will go ahead - the final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn, following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels.

We recommend you regularly seek information about burns proposed near you to stay informed about when the burn may occur.

Planned burns - what can you expect to see?

Before a burn takes place, crews will prepare the site. This can include checking and removing hazardous trees and clearing/creating control lines for the burn.

On the day of the planned burn you may see smoke and flames. You may see a column of smoke, or smoke may linger at ground level, including overnight and for the following days. You may also see small embers carried in the air, away from the fire. These are a normal part of the planned burn.

How can I find out about a burn near me?

Visit ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn

Call VicEmergency Hotline on **1800 226 226**

Download **VicEmergency App**

Register for the Planned Burning Victoria
Plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au

We encourage you to sign up to the Planned Burns Victoria – you can set up automated SMS and email notifications about any upcoming FFMVic or CFA planned burns. There is no charge to register to receive these messages.

For further information contact the Ovens Forest Fire Management Victoria office on **(03) 5731 1222** or email ovens.fuelmanagement@delwp.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we do this important work to better protect communities, property and the environment from the impacts of bushfire.

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Protect your health from smoke

Plan ahead for yourself, your family members and home during and days following the planned burn.

- Smoke can affect people's health.
- People with heart or lung conditions (including asthma), children, pregnant women and older people are more sensitive to the effects of breathing in smoke.
- If smoke is from a planned burn, stay indoors (if possible) with windows and doors closed. If using an air conditioner, switch it to recycle / recirculate to reduce smoke coming into your home.
- Avoid physical activity.
- If you have asthma or respiratory conditions, follow your prescribed asthma management plan and keep a reliever or inhaler on hand. If you have existing heart or lung conditions, follow the treatment plan advised by your doctor.
- If you develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing or chest pain, follow your prescribed treatment plan (if you have one), but if symptoms don't settle, **seek medical advice** or call **Nurse-on-Call** on **1300 606 024**

Prepare your property for the planned burn

- Close external doors and windows
- Bring washing inside
- Secure your pets – animals may find a burn in the area distressing. Consider relocating pets for the day if they may be distressed, or affected by smoke.

Keep this information for later reference

We recommend you keep this information handy and refer to it as burn day approaches.

- Share this information with other people in your home or business, especially with anyone who may be at your address during the burn.
- Seek updates using the sources provided above.
- Sign up to the Planned Burning Notification System. Receiving a message that the burn is scheduled to happen soon is a good trigger to check that you, your family and your pets are ready for the burn.

Ovens District planned burning program for 2023

Beechworth – Gorge Road	24ha
Beechworth – Lady Newton Drive	172ha
Bright – Morgans Creek	1199ha
Bruarong – Bruarong Spur Track	288ha
Buffalo River – Joe Cook Road	49ha
Carboor – Bungamero Finger	13ha
Carboor Upper – Pettifers Road	150ha
Cheshunt – Carsons Track	939ha
Cheshunt South – Evans Creek	2403ha
Coral Bank – Junction Creek	1387ha
Dederang – House Creek	1028ha
Eurobin – Eurobin Gap Track	610ha

Glen Creek – Greys Boundary Track	813ha
Kancoona South – Gluepot Track West	2590ha
Leneva – Baranduda Range Track	268ha
Mount Beauty – Mount Emu	2729ha
Mount Beauty – Survey Track	119ha
Staghorn Flat – Mt Murramurrangbong Track	129ha
Stanley – Tully Track	109ha
Whitlands – Transmission Lines	107ha
Wooragee – Pilot Track	185ha
Cheshunt South – King River	LMB*
Selwyn – Humffray River	LMB*

*LMB are a Landscape Mosaic Burn. LMB's are burn further away from population centres which have an intended objective to reduce the chance of landscape wildfires. These burns will restrict the spread of bushfires in more remote areas to protect water catchments and forest values including wildlife and their habitat, to maintain forest values and outcomes outlined in our long-term bushfire management strategies. It is important to note that the indicative area on the map does not always reflect the planned coverage area for these burns.