



## Burning Policy

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### A - PREAMBLE

1. This policy details Council's requirements for the issue of permits for lighting of fires in the open in residential and non-residential areas within the City of Salisbury.

### B - SCOPE

1. This Policy applies to all properties within the City of Salisbury Council boundaries.

### C – POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

1. The objective of this policy is to:
  - Prevent or minimise air pollution emanating from burning in the open within the City of Salisbury;
  - Encourage recycling of green waste within the City of Salisbury;
  - Minimise the potential for spread of bush/grass fires;
  - Encourage a sustainable environment.

### D - POLICY STATEMENT

1. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the *Environment Protection (Burning) Policy 1994*.

#### ***Fires in the Open on Non-Residential Premises:***

1. A person must not cause or permit the burning of matter by a fire in the open on any non-residential premises without written consent of the Council, except for:
  - disposal of gaseous wastes;
  - recreational purposes, including barbecuing, picnicking, scouting or similar outdoor activities;
  - instruction in methods of fire-fighting;
  - the prevention and control of bushfires.
2. An application for consent must be in writing detailing:
  - location of proposed fire;
  - name of occupier/owner of property;

- reason for wishing to burn in the open;
  - matter or class of matter to be burned;
  - quantity of matter;
  - period of time for which the consent is sought.
3. Where the Council gives consent, the consent must be in writing and be expressed to operate for such periods and subject to such conditions as the Council considers necessary or desirable to control or minimise air pollution from the land or premises concerned.
  4. The requirements for consent should be restricted to the burning of prescribed pest plants, plants infested with a prescribed pest or disease, agricultural/horticultural green waste that cannot be recycled because of its large volume, or for ecologically accepted land management practices.

***Fires in the Open on Residential Premises:***

1. A person must not cause or permit the burning of matter by a fire in the open on any residential premises, street, road or laneway, except for:
  - any fire within a dwelling;
  - any fire used principally for the preparation of food or beverages or the heating of a potable liquid;
  - the burning of charcoal within a brazier principally for the purpose of heating an area used for outdoor entertainment;
  - burning off by a person for the purpose of reducing the hazard of bushfires, provided that the Council has permitted the burning-off by notice in writing.

***Administration:***

1. The administration of this policy is the responsibility of Council's Fire Prevention Officers.
2. Where an application for consent to burn is made to the Council, an application fee will be imposed under section 188(1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

**E – LEGISLATION**

1. *Environment Protection Act 1993*
2. *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*

**F - REFERENCES**

1. *Environment Protection (Burning) Policy 1994*

**Document Control**

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