

When visiting Victoria's forests and parks, having a campfire or barbeque for personal warmth or cooking is an enjoyable experience. However, campfires can easily escape and start a bushfire.

Restrictions are in place for public land in Victoria to ensure that escapes do not happen and our bushland is protected. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand the campfire and barbeque rules and regulations before you visit.

If you light a campfire or barbeque, you are legally responsible for ensuring that it is safe, does not escape, and is completely extinguished before you leave.

Total Fire Ban Days



Total Fire Ban Days = no campfires, and no solid or chemical fuelled barbeques

It's up to you to find out if a Total Fire Ban is in place. Ask your neighbouring camp if you don't know. You can also call the Vic Emergency Hotline on 1800 226 226, download the Vic Emergency App or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

If it's hot or windy use common sense and don't light a campfire or barbeque.

Information sources

- Check the long range weather forecast before you leave via bom.gov.au
- Find out about Total Fire Bans via:
 - VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226
 - emergency.vic.gov.au
 - Vic Emergency App

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Can I? Can't I?
Campfires and Barbeques

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Healthy People

**FOREST FIRE
MANAGEMENT VICTORIA**

General use*

Do I have to clear around my campfire or solid fuel barbecue?

Yes

- Keep a three (3) metre air and ground perimeter around your campfire or solid fuel barbecue clear of flammable material. Use a designated fireplace where provided.

What size can my campfire or barbecue be?

- Your campfire or solid fuel barbecue must be one square metre or less in size.
- Solid fuels placed onto your campfire or solid fuel barbecue must be one metre or less in length.

What is a properly constructed campfire?

Digging trenches and collecting rocks can impact on local environments, so where possible you should look to use existing campfire sites. If you construct a campfire it needs to be in a trench (hole) that is greater than 30cm deep, and/or be lined with rocks or other non-flammable materials.

Can I use a campfire or barbecue that uses liquid fuel, gaseous fuel or chemical solid fuel?

Yes

However you must keep a 1.5 metre air and ground perimeter around your liquid, gaseous or chemical fuel campfires and barbecues clear of flammable material.

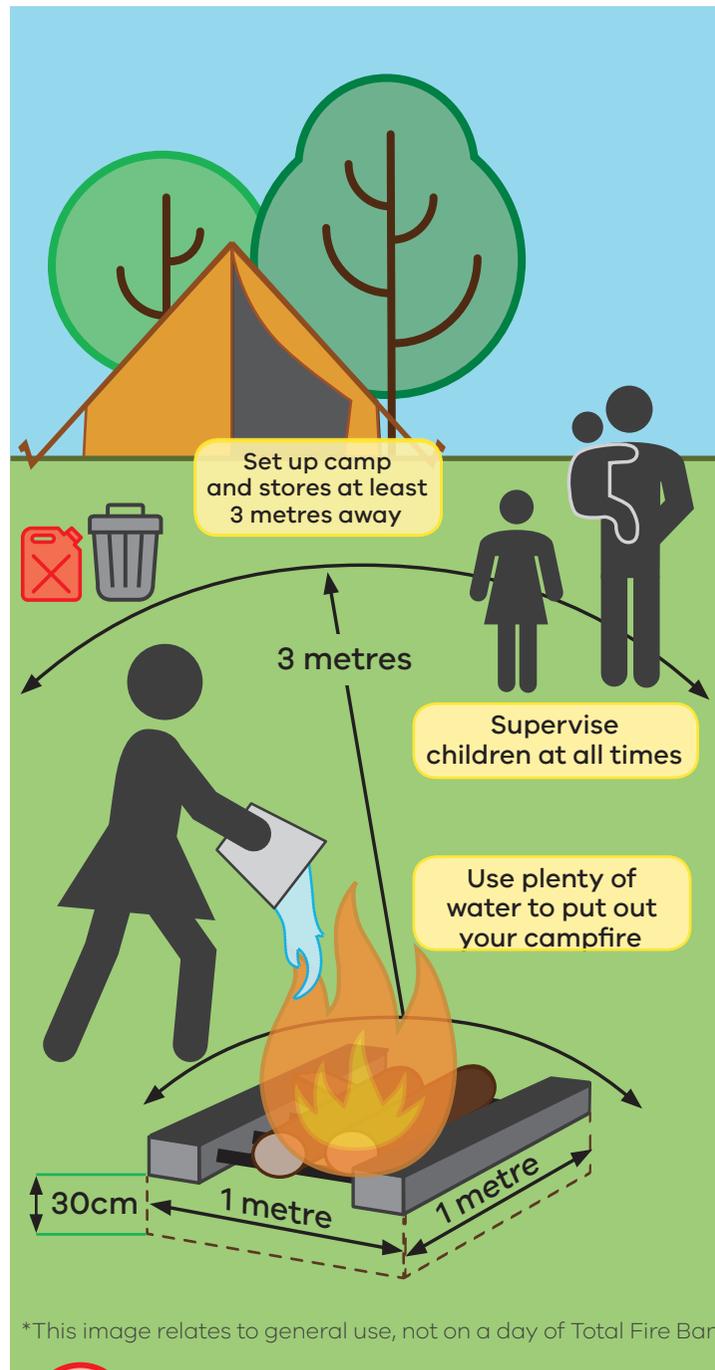
Can I leave my campfire or barbecue unattended?

No

- A responsible adult must be in attendance to supervise your solid fuel campfire or barbecue at all times.
- In attendance means being within 50 metres and having line of sight from the outer perimeter of your solid fuel campfire or barbecue.

What is the best way to extinguish my campfire correctly when I leave?

- You must always fully extinguish your campfire with water, not soil.
- You cannot leave any hot embers remaining in your campfire.
- Remember, if your campfire is cool to touch, it is safe to leave.



*This image relates to general use, not on a day of Total Fire Ban



Do not put glass, aluminium, plastic, rubbish or food scraps into your campfire. Please take these home with you.



Leaving these items at your campsite is littering and subject to on the spot fines.

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Can I light a campfire or solid fuel barbecue on a day of Total Fire Ban?

No

- It is prohibited to light a campfire or barbecue on days of Total Fire Ban, or allow one to remain alight
- If in doubt, don't light a campfire or barbecue.

Can I use a barbecue that is fired by gas or electricity on a day of Total Fire Ban?

Yes

A barbecue that is fired by gas or electricity and is:

- set in a permanently fixed structure built of stone, metal concrete or another non-flammable material, or,
- designed and commercially manufactured exclusively for meal preparation (including portable barbecues), and when alight placed in a stable position.

Provided that:

- It is for the purpose of meal preparation.
- The area within a distance of three (3) metres from the outer perimeter of the barbecue is clear of flammable material.
- You have either a hose connected to a water supply or a container with at least 10 litres water for immediate use.
- An adult is there at all times when the fire is alight who has the capacity and means to extinguish the barbecue.
- The barbecue is completely extinguished before the adult leaves.

In National and State Parks, campfires and barbecues may only be lit in properly constructed fireplaces provided. Visitors are not permitted to construct their own fireplaces.