

# WHY RISK IT?

STOP BUSHFIRES STARTING THIS SEASON

# PREVENTING CRIME

## GARDEN WASTE BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Garden waste fires can quickly get out of control and start a bushfire. It is extremely important to ensure the fire is completely extinguished after any burning. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- During the Fire Danger Season, garden waste fires are **not allowed** unless you have been issued with a Schedule 9 Council permit.
- On Total Fire Ban Days garden waste fires are **not permitted**. If a garden waste fire is still smouldering from a previous day's burn and a Total Fire Ban Day is declared it becomes an illegal fire unless a Schedule 10 Council permit has been issued.
- Consider friendly alternatives for the environment such as:
  - Composting or mulching your waste.
  - Using your green waste kerbside bin.
  - Utilising your Council's green waste service.
- **Outside of the Fire Danger Season and not on Total Fire Ban Days**, you are permitted to burn garden waste. Before burning check the Vegetation Rubbish Pile Burning Code of Practice on the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).
  - Prior to lighting, check weather conditions including the 3-4 days following the burn and if conditions are not favourable postpone the burn.
  - Clear the space immediately around and above the fire of all flammable vegetation to a minimum distance of FOUR metres.
  - Have an adequate supply of water that can easily reach the fire to extinguish it.
  - Never use accelerants to start your garden waste fire, in case of injury or it becoming uncontrollable quickly.
  - The fire must be attended to until the initial flame height has reduced. Ensure the fire is regularly monitored after lighting to make sure there are no escapes to any surrounding vegetation.
  - After the burn, ensure the fire is completely out. Turn over coals or remnants and apply a large amount of water until the burnt area is cold to the touch.
- Many councils don't allow or strongly discourage the burning of garden waste at any time of the year, so check with your council for restrictions, including Environment Protection Authority Legislation.

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**


Visit the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) for full details of what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Season.

Visit the South Australia Police website: [police.sa.gov.au](http://police.sa.gov.au) for more bushfire prevention fact sheets and information.



## GARDEN WASTE

If there is a fire or imminent risk of a fire call **Emergency Triple Zero (000)**. If you see anything suspicious immediately call the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444**. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire behaviour call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

 Download the free **Emergency+ app** which contains useful contact numbers for emergency services.

The **Emergency+ app** is developed by Australia's emergency services and their government and industry partners, and uses **GPS functionality** built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details to assist **emergency services**.