

MEDIA RELEASE



Subject: **Fire Danger Season Now In Place**

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FIRE Danger Season has arrived in the Murraylands changing the rules around burning, barbecues and the use of some tools outdoors for the next five months.

The SA Country Fire Service declared the dates for Fire Danger Season in the Murraylands from Wednesday 1 November 2023 to Saturday 15 April 2024.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge's Fire Prevention Officers are urging residents to familiarise themselves with the details.

Fire Prevention Officer Tony Austin said although fire permits could be issued by Council in certain circumstances it was no longer the preferred option in most situations.

"Residents are welcome to apply for burning permits with Council, however they are rarely granted during fire danger season," he said.

"We can allocate permits when appropriate and inline with issuing guidelines, such as for disposal of biological hazards involving infected plants or animals, but there are safer and more environmentally friendly ways to dispose of most materials burning permits are usually requested for.

"In the townships we have a fortnightly green waste kerbside bin collection, and regular free green waste drop off days at the Brinkley Waste and Recycling Facility for all residents, along with a free hardwaste or tip pass once a year from Council.

"The Brinkley Reuse Centre is a great place for rehoming unwanted items and composting is another great way to repurpose garden materials in a way that won't harm the environment."

Mr Austin said rules regarding the use of barbecues, tools such as welders and other potential fire hazards changed during the declared Fire Danger Season.

"The Country Fire Service website clearly outlines everyone's responsibilities during fire danger season, however if people have questions about burning permits or fire prevention that we can help with we are always happy to chat ," he said.

For more information on what is and isn't allowed during Fire Danger Season visit the Country Fire Service webpage at

https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings/what_can_i_do_what_cant_i_do.jsp

For more information on compliance speak to Council's Fire Prevention Officers on 8539 1100 or visit <https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/services/your-safety/fireandburning>

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