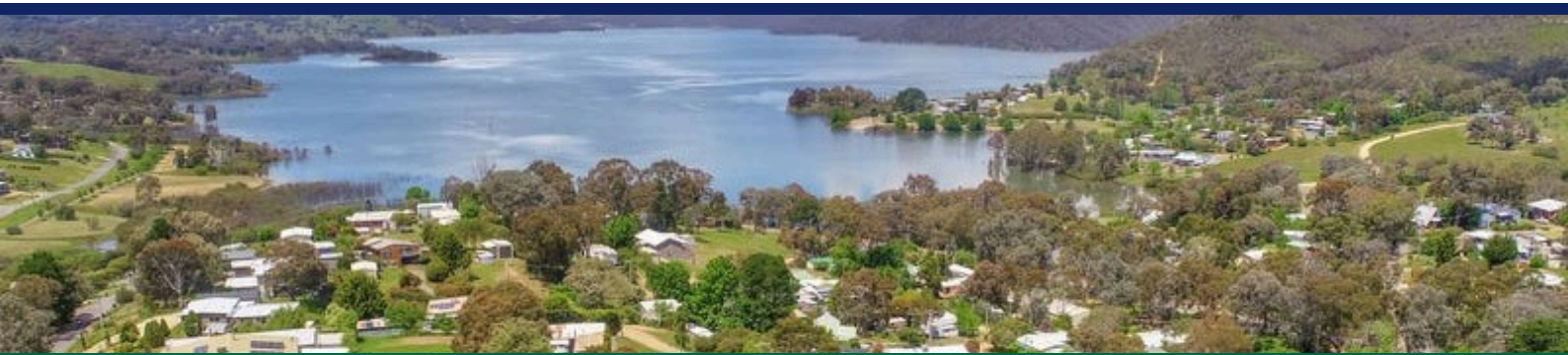


# Plan and Prepare this Fire Season 2024/25



Mansfield Shire



## Reduce the fire threat to you and your community



Early November



3 weeks after issue



Late November

Property inspections start and fire prevention notices issued.

Fire Prevention Notice works due to be completed.

Re-inspections continue over the fire danger period.

### Property inspections

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers will be out inspecting properties across Mansfield Shire for fire hazards as conditions begin to dry out.

A **Fire Prevention Notice** is issued if a fire hazard is identified on your property. The Notice will detail works that are required to reduce fire intensity and minimise ember or direct flame impact on your property or your neighbour's property. After the due date on the Notice has expired, the property is re-inspected to ensure works are completed.

Non-compliance with a Fire Prevention Notice may result in Council arranging for the works to be done, with costs recovered plus an infringement notice of \$1,975.00 issued to the property owner.

You can contact Council if you see a fire hazard on a property that you think requires attention.

### What to consider when removing native vegetation

Due to current protections, a permit is often required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation. Before removing any native vegetation, please seek advice from Council. Consent must be obtained from the property owner before any vegetation is removed. Permission is not required to mow along your roadside.

### Spring Clean up

Throughout the month of November Council is offering FREE green waste drop-off (1 x 6x4 trailer) at the Mansfield Resource and Recovery Centre. No vouchers are required and this initiative is in addition to the green waste vouchers available for collection at Council.



Cut grass near buildings - keep under 100mm high.



Remove weeds, leaf litter, green waste piles, and flammable items near buildings. Minimise trees and shrubs near and over buildings. Clear or prune shrubs below tree branches.

### For rural and rural residential properties



25m slashed or grazed area near buildings, including those on your neighbour's side of the boundary.



6m reduced fuel loading along property boundaries - as this might slow the fire or aid the fire response.

### Unable to carry out these works?

Visit the Council website for a list of local garden and property maintenance contractors for assistance.

For more information: [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) | [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) | [mansfield.vic.gov.au](http://mansfield.vic.gov.au)





## Burning off ?

Until the Fire Danger Period commences it is permissible to burn off vegetation in areas outside of Mansfield Township Residential, Business or Industrial Zones. It must be safe to do so, be properly managed and must not cause a nuisance.

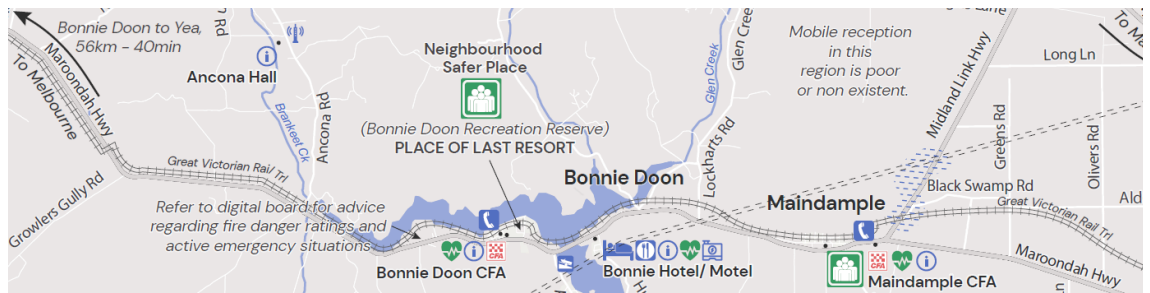
To prevent unnecessary CFA Brigade call-outs, register your burn-off with CFA or visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off) or call 1800 668 511.

Garden clippings (green waste) may be taken to the Mansfield Resource Recovery Centre for disposal. See Council's website for operating days/hours.

Planned burns are conducted during autumn by Forest Fire Management Victoria and CFA, for information visit [www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au)

## Get Your Local District Emergency Map







As part of the Resilience Benchmarking Project, seven district maps have been developed with the input from each community to help residents and visitors understand the risks and resources available during times of an emergency. These include Bonnie Doon & District, Goughs Bay & District, Jamieson & District, Merton, Sawmill Settlement & District, Tolmie & District, Woods Point & District. Head to [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/District-Emergency-Maps](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/District-Emergency-Maps) or use the QR Code to download your copy.



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## References to help you make a plan and stay informed

-  Prepare a fire plan & kit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)
-  Red Cross Redi Plan [redcross.org.au/prepare](http://redcross.org.au/prepare)
-  Floods or Storms [ses.vic.gov.au](http://ses.vic.gov.au)
-  Set up a watch zone [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)
-  Listen to your ABC Emergency Broadcast
-  You are in the North East Fire District



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