

FIRE HAZARDS

The City of Greater Dandenong encourages regular maintenance of properties to minimise the risk of fire and enhance the safety and general wellbeing of our community.

Why are well maintained properties important?

The risk of fires starting and/or spreading to neighbouring properties is *significantly reduced* when properties are well maintained.

What is a fire hazard?

A fire hazard can be anything that might contribute or cause a fire, including:

- Long or dry grass
- Dry branches, leaves and other vegetation
- Poorly maintained wood piles
- Incorrectly stored gas and chemical containers
- General rubbish

Tips for preventing fire hazards on your property

- In October/November (before summer) inspect your property and remove or control all fire hazards.
- Keep grass cut to less than 10cm. If you need the grass for stock feed, you should at least cut 20m wide fire breaks along all your boundaries.
- Remove and recycle dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark from gardens and outdoor areas.
- Store flammable liquids (gases, chemicals or other liquids) away from the house - in sheds or other suitable areas.
- Store building materials and firewood in a neat and tidy manner in your back yard, not stacked against building walls.

If you are a landlord, remember you are jointly responsible with your tenant/s to ensure that rented properties are also maintained.

Visit the CFA website for further information

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/grassfires-near-cities-and-towns>

Please note that any removal of vegetation for the purposes of fire hazard reduction may still require planning permission and you should check with Council before undertaking any clearing or removal of vegetation