



Community Information

Fire Danger Season generally runs from **1 December through to 1 April**, although these dates may change due to seasonal conditions.

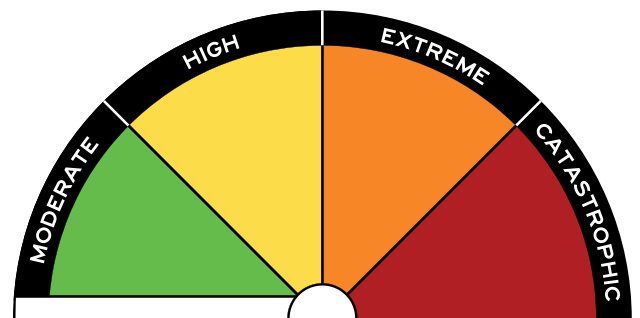
Most of the City of Burnside area is leafy suburbia with no direct bushfire risk. However on the eastern extremes of the Council area is the Mt Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District. This area extends along the foothills of the southern Mt Lofty Ranges, one of the most fire prone areas in the world due to the Mediterranean climate and the characteristic hot summer months.

Every year the Adelaide Hills experience a number of summer days with occasionally strong dry northerly winds and low humidity that create conditions for extreme bushfire risk. You are receiving this letter as your property is located within the Mt Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District.

Use the Fire Danger Ratings to understand and act before a fire starts.

A national fire danger rating system

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System is your simplified survival tool. Its daily forecast tells you how dangerous a bushfire would be if it broke out, and what you need to do to stay safe on Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic days.



Know your daily Fire Danger Rating

Fire Danger Rating	What Does It Mean?	What Should You Do?
MODERATE	Most fires can be controlled	Plan and prepare
HIGH	Fires can be dangerous	Be ready to act
EXTREME	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous	Take action now to protect your life and property
CATASTROPHIC	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost	For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Living in a bushfire risk area means danger is on your doorstep.

Changes to City of Burnside Services on Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days

On Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger days there will be a reduction or cessation in the services that Council provides in the Mt Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District. These changes can be seen in the Service Delivery Matrix on the opposite page.

As you live, or own a property, within this zone, your household will be affected on Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger days with reduced, or no, services undertaken. Services will recommence following a return to normal weather conditions with extra servicing for domestic waste collection to maintain an up-to-date service.

Fire Danger Ratings and Warnings are issued by the CFS, typically at around 4 pm each day, and is updated every 24 hours. Ratings and Warnings generally only apply during the Fire Danger Season.

Services will be uninterrupted on Moderate or High Fire Danger days.

The Service Delivery Matrix is based on a risk management approach to ensure the safety of the community and workers, through controlling services if they are likely to cause/ contribute to a fire risk or place the community or workers at risk.

While Council may not be in a position to provide certain services on Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger days, residents can still raise requests for services online at burnside.sa.gov.au/Online-Services/Action-Burnside or by phone on 8366 4200 for attention when safety permits.



Delivery of services on extreme and catastrophic fire danger days within the Mt Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District

Service / Facility	Extreme	Catastrophic
Community Connections		
Community Transport		
Shopping runs	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services cancelled in Mt Lofty region
Aged care program outings	Service cancelled	Service cancelled
Volunteer based car service	Operating subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services cancelled in Mt Lofty region
Bus hire to third parties	Hire cancelled as per Usage Agreement	Hire cancelled as per Usage Agreement
Home Support Program		
Home support	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services deferred for clients in Mt Lofty region
Home maintenance	Service continues at contractor's discretion	Services deferred for clients in Mt Lofty region
3Rs Program	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services cancelled in Mt Lofty region
Community Learning		
Home Library Service	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services deferred for clients in Mt Lofty region
City Development and Safety		
Rangers		
Inspections and site meetings	Non-essential visits to all areas deferred	All visits deferred
Animal Management	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Services deferred for clients in Mt Lofty region
Planning, Building or Compliance		
Inspections and site meetings	Non-essential visits to all areas deferred	All visits deferred
Technical Services and Operations		
Inspections and site meetings	Non-essential visits to all areas deferred	All visits deferred
After hours call out	Service continues subject to satisfactory risk assessment	Emergency response subject to satisfactory risk assessment
City Maintenance Services	Non-essential work to all areas deferred	Emergency road works subject to satisfactory risk assessment
Parks Services	Non-essential work to all areas deferred Emergency only service	Service deferred
Arboriculture Services	Non-essential work to all areas deferred	Emergency response subject to satisfactory risk assessment
City Safe Services		
Signage installation and maintenance	Non-essential work to all areas deferred Emergency only service	Service deferred
City Clean Services		
Pit or drain cleaning/clearing	Emergency only service	Service deferred
Street sweeping	Operating	Service deferred
Quick Response	Non-essential work to all areas deferred	Emergency response subject to satisfactory risk assessment
Street and Reserve Waste Collection	Operating	Service deferred
Biodiversity Services	Service cancelled	Service cancelled
Volunteer Graffiti Service	Service deferred	Service deferred
Environment and Infrastructure		
Inspections or site meetings	Emergency only service	Service deferred
Contracted works	Works and services continue at contractor's discretion	Contractors will be obliged to stop works and services
Domestic Waste Collection	Operating	Service will be delivered at the sole discretion of East Waste

What can I do?

While the threat of bushfires affects only part of the City of Burnside, the potential consequences are large. Some suburbs within the City are likely to be directly impacted by bushfires and many suburbs have houses that are potentially exposed to bushfires.

Any available measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of loss or damage of properties should be done.

Residents living in the Mt Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District should take action to protect their property from bushfire.

Learn about bushfire behaviour and how to survive by visiting the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au

You can also refer to the City of Burnside website for further information and advice at bit.ly/CoBFire

If you and your home are not fully prepared for a bushfire, or if you have any doubts about your ability to defend your home, you should plan to leave early.

Prepare now: clear around your property, pack an emergency kit and know your closest Bushfire Safer Place.

Plan ahead: do your 5 minute bushfire plan and share it with loved ones today, and plan for all your pets and livestock.

Stay informed: check the fire danger rating each day and stay informed using more than one source of information in case a fire starts near you.

Know your Fire Danger Rating, monitor local conditions and keep informed by:

- watching nightly news weather reports
- visiting the Bureau of Meteorology website or CFS website
- following Burnside CFS Facebook and X feeds. Get information by subscribing to bushfire warnings at www.cfs.sa.gov.au; from Facebook [@CountryFireService](https://www.facebook.com/CountryFireService) or X [@CFSAAlerts](https://twitter.com/CFSAAlerts)
- By calling the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
- Downloading and setting up the Alert SA Mobile App. The Alert SA Mobile App provides timely, relevant bushfire information to the South Australian community. Please ensure you update your Alert SA App through your mobile device's App store.



Prepare your home and property. Prepare a 5 Minute Bushfire Plan.

You can create a bushfire survival plan in 5 minutes at www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Making a choice when a bushfire threatens is **too late**. The majority of people in bushfires die fleeing their homes at the last moment.

Don't wait until the last moment, create your **5 Minute Plan** now.



City of Burnside

Legend

- LGA Boundary
- Hills Face Zone
- Fire Ban District
- Bushfire Safer Settlement

Fire Ban District