

# **Fire Prevention Notices**

Bushfires and grass fires are a regular occurrence in the warmer months of the year in Victoria and in Moreland we all must do our part to ensure we can reduce the instances of fire in our community

#### **Fire Danger Period**

Every year before and during the fire danger period Moreland City Council inspects the condition of properties that may contribute to the spread or cause of fire. Under the Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 (formerly known as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act 1958) Council has an obligation to ensure the risk of fire to the community is minimised.

#### **Fire Prevention Notice**

A Fire Prevention Notice is issued to a property that has been deemed a risk. Council has assessed the property and determined that there is a need to clear fire hazards to reduce the potential fire risk. Overgrown grass, weeds and vegetation and a build-up of rubbish and other materials increase the danger during the fire danger period.

#### Moreland Language Link

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#### Your Responsibilities

As a property owner it is your responsibility to maintain your property. You must ensure the property is free of long grass, undergrowth, excessive vegetation, weeds and other materials that constitute a fire hazard. Grass is to be cut and maintained to a height of no greater than 15cm (6 inches). All fire hazards must be removed, and the property must be maintained.

#### **Next Steps**

Follow up inspections are carried out on every property that has been issued a Fire Prevention Notice. If the work required on the Notice has not been carried out by the due date, a contractor will be engaged to carry out the works. The cost of the contractor will be passed on to the property owner and you will also receive infringements.

### **Contact Us**

## Online moreland.vic.gov.au Phone

9240 1111

#### **More Information**

There is a small delay between our officer inspecting the property for fire hazards and the Fire Prevention Notice being issued and reaching you. If you have carried out what is required on the Notice recently then you don't need to take any action.

# Worried about a property with fire hazards in your neighbourhood?

If there is a property of concern to you please contact Council on 9240 1111 or via the <u>Moreland City Council Website</u>

For more information about preparing your property for fire see Fire Rescue Victoria (formerly Metropolitan Fire Brigade) at https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/

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