

Ban on burning – fire danger

The long period of drought has left the ground and vegetation very dry. This means that there is a high risk of wildfires.

Pursuant to section 5, subsection 1, of Danish Executive Order no. 1339 of 10 December 2014 on fire protection provisions when burning, using fire, lights, heat sources, etc. (the Executive Order on burning), [*the Fire Service/Emergency Management Unit X*] hereby issues the following ban on burning, to apply with effect from [*dd month 20yy at hh:mm hours inclusive*], for [*municipality X, municipality Y*]:

The ban on burning applies to the burning and use outdoors of:

- Barbecues that work by burning charcoal, briquettes, etc.
- Fires, e.g. bonfires and fire pits, fireplaces, pizza ovens, wood-burning stoves, etc.
- Candles, tea lights, torches, etc.
- Devices etc. that work by burning, e.g. weed burners, blow torches, patio heaters, drying devices, welding or cutting units
- Garden waste, straw, straw stacks, etc., burned in fields or uncultivated areas; forestry waste, rushes and reeds, including reed woodland and meadows, heathland, moorland and peat mossland.

Exemptions from the ban on burning:

- The use of barbecues (charcoal, briquettes, etc.) on a non-flammable surface at a private residence and at a secure distance from flammable vegetation in up to and including a gentle breeze. This exemption does not, however, apply to private residences in holiday home areas, allotments, on camping sites, etc.
- Gas barbecues and items of camping equipment that run on gas, at a secure distance from flammable vegetation
- Exercises by the Fire Service
- Commercial performance of hot work, apart from the use of weed burners. Hot work conducted close to flammable vegetation must be done under enhanced supervision.

Examples of hot work:

- Soldering of gutters
- Heating of metals using an open flame or heat gun
- Metal cutting
- Cutting and grinding metal using an angle grinder
- Cutting metal using a flame cutter
- Hard and soft soldering, e.g. connecting copper pipes by soldering
- Welding
- Welding of roofing felt

[*The Fire Service/Emergency Management Unit X*] may, on application, announce specific exemptions from the ban on burning.

A person violating this ban may be liable to a fine pursuant to Section 17 of the Executive Order.

For how long will the ban on burning last?

The ban on burning will remain in force until [*the Fire Service/Emergency Management Unit X*] considers that there is no longer an increased risk of fire in the countryside and that the ban on burning can therefore be revoked. This will typically be once a sufficient amount of rainfall has fallen. The revocation will be shown on the website.

Publication

This ban on burning was made public on [*dd month 20yy at hh:mm hours*] by the issue of a press statement to the local news media, a notice on [*the Fire Service's/Emergency Management Unit X's*] website and the websites of those municipalities in which the ban applies. At the same time, the previous ban on burning is revoked.

We would encourage camping sites, holiday home landlords, etc., to inform their guests of the ban on burning.