

MEDIA RELEASE

Too windy to burn off

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SA Country Fire Service (CFS) is urging people to cease burning off, as winds tomorrow are forecast to reach 50 km/hr.

State Duty Commander, Brett Loughlin said although CFS is pleased to see people cleaning up their properties ahead of the Fire Danger Season, it's important all burning activity stops ahead of tomorrow.

"Although we've seen some rain this week, conditions through much of the state is still dry. Therefore with the winds we're forecast to experience, it will be easy for fires to quickly become out of control," he said.

"There will still be time for people to prepare for the upcoming fire season with conditions on the weekend forecast to be better for burning."

It is also important all burn-offs conducted earlier this week are fully extinguished before the wind picks up tomorrow.

"We're asking people who've had a burn-off to check it and extinguish it by pouring water on it. It's also important they check the site tomorrow to ensure it has not reignited."

For those working outside, ensure you have a water source nearby in case any sparks they create are quickly extinguished.

"Welding, cutting, harvesting or even driving through a paddock with high fuel can cause a fire to start, and with the winds we may experience tomorrow, a fire starting could be hard to control.

"We're asking people to take extra precautions and not undertake any risky activity."

Voluntary Harvesting Codes of Practice are available on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au
For rules about burning off in townships contact your Local Council and check Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regulations.

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