



Upcoming Local Law changes for fire hazards

Are you an owner of vacant land in the City of Whittlesea?

It's important to stay informed about the new Community Local Law 2024-2034, which will be in effect from 1 July 2024, and how the changes could impact you.



Understanding the new Community Local Law

The Community Local Law 2024 aims to balance safety, personal freedom, and community responsibility, ensuring the City of Whittlesea remains 'A Place For All'. It covers a wide range of areas including fire safety, animals, and the upkeep of public spaces to enhance community safety and neighbourhood amenities.

Key changes for fire hazards

- **Vegetation maintenance:** between the months of November and March, grass, stubble, weeds, scrub and/or undergrowth on your land must not exceed 10cm in height.
- **Fire breaks:** between the months of November and March, a fire break of a minimum of 35 metres from every boundary must be maintained and not exceed 10cm in height (excluding trees).

What this means for you

- **Plan ahead:** be aware of the vegetation on your land, and the options available to comply with the new regulations by the 1 July 2024 deadline.
- **Community responsibility:** these changes are a result of community feedback, aimed at improving safety, and protecting the community and public spaces.
- **Stay informed:** read the Community Local Law by visiting engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LocalLawReview to ensure you're fully prepared for any changes that may affect you.



Let's work together to keep our community safe, clean, and welcoming for all.

