

Blue Mountains Conservation Society Inc.

Planning and Development Resource Kit



Scenario 3: Backyard burning

Someone in your neighbourhood is burning off vegetation or other materials.

Who should you contact?

Blue Mountains City Council has a policy on backyard burning which you can find at

<https://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/permits/open-burning>

Basically, backyard burning of vegetation is illegal without a permit except in particular, mainly rural, areas (see policy). Burning of all other materials is prohibited.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

STEP 1: Collect evidence

Go to the **How to Collect Evidence** page for instructions.

STEP 2: Report it to Council

You can report backyard burning to Council through a Customer Service Request. Go to the **How to Make an Enquiry at the Blue Mountains City Council** page for information on how to do this.

If it is a very large or threatening fire, you could phone your town fire station (*not* the Rural Fire Service). Town fire station phone numbers are listed in the White Pages. You could ask the town fire brigade to put the fire out and talk to the property owner/resident. A few visits from the town fire brigade might deter the person from backyard burning in the future.