

# BONFIRES

The rules on bonfires are explained on Wandsworth Council's website: <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/environment/pollution/air-quality/bonfires/>

It is not an offence to have a bonfire, but there are laws about the effects of smoke, smell and ash from bonfires. Bonfires can be considered to be a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act when causing a nuisance to neighbouring residents.

You cannot burn:

- Household or garden waste if it will cause pollution or harm people's health
- Substances that cause noxious fumes or dark smoke. This may result in action being taken under the Clean Air Act 1993
- Plastics, rubber, household refuse, foam, painted timber or material contaminated with oil

If you are considering having a bonfire, think about how it could affect your neighbours. Avoid burning at weekends, public holidays and on sunny days when people are outside enjoying their gardens.

Before burning anything, speak with your neighbours and allow them time to remove washing and close windows.

It is better to find other ways of getting rid of waste.

## **Report a bonfire problem**

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Report a bonfire by calling 020 8871 6127. We will need to know your name, contact details and information about the bonfire.