

Bonfires 2022/23

Bonfires are allowed from 1st November until end date TBC*

Please minimise bonfires because burning causes air pollution, affects other plot holders, our neighbours and can be harmful to older people, children and those with respiratory diseases. Carbon dioxide and other gases from burning add to global heat emissions

Please do not burn plastics or rubber as these creates toxins that inhaled or though skin contact can be harmful and can also pollute the soil for decades.

Please use alternative methods wherever possible, for example:

- Composting
- Branches and logs can be stacked to form a wildlife habitat
- Wood can be saved ready for a **communal chipping session planned for January 2023**
- Vale Street Recycling Centre SE27 9PA
- Make use of the RAA regular skips

If you do have a bonfire, please follow the following rules:

- Not before 10am and only burn dry wood or dry plant material
- Let your nearby plot holders know when you intend to light a fire and if anyone complains please extinguish
- Check for wildlife before burning
- Use a bin incinerator if you have one, less pollution and are safer
- Do not burn Plywood, chipboard, painted or treated wood
- Do not burn domestic rubbish, rubber, carpet, polystyrene, plastics or plastic foam, or paint
- Never use engine oil, methylated spirits, petrol or any accelerator.
- Avoid windy days and never leave a fire unattended

*We are reducing this year's bonfire season similar to last year. A consultation document has been prepared and is planned to be sent out before the end of the year.