

Bonfires on Twenty Pound Meadow

From 1 September 2020, we are changing how bonfires are managed. It's a pilot – if the new rules are effective and if plotholders follow them, then we will propose changing Association rules at the next suitable AGM.

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The bonfire site next to Tumbling Bay is closed.

No material can be left on the 'heap' and no material can be burned on the site previously used for fires.

Plotholders (except those excluded – see below) can burn on their plots from 1 November to 29 February inclusive.

From 1 March to 31 October, no plot-based fires are allowed.

When fires are allowed, there are restrictions:

- No fires on plots that border the river (plots 110 – 134 and 148-165).
- No fires on any plot that is **south** of the shop (plots 3-5 and 53 -56).
- Fires can only happen when it causes no inconvenience for others – so, consider wind conditions, location on the plot, and size of the fire.
- No burning of green waste, treated wood, plastic, or material that is likely to cause smoke. Once dried, green waste can be burned but composting should always be the first option

Plotholders beside the river/south of the shop can burn between 1/11 and 29/2 only in a designated fire basket, located on plot 50.

There are restrictions:

- No material can be left in the fire basket. If material is left unburned, the option of using the fire basket site will be withdrawn for all plot holders.
- Any fire must be attended at all times – an unattended fire will mean loss of access to the fire basket for all plotholders.
- No green waste, treated wood, plastic or material that causes smoke
- The fire basket area must be left clean and tidy.

There will be a monthly supervised 'burn'.

Once a month on a publicized date, someone will start a fire in the fire basket, located on plot 50. Fire 'supervisors' will tend the fire and advise people on what can and cannot be burned. If wind and weather make a burn unsuitable, all material must be kept on plots until the next 'burn'.

No: anything that can be composted. Any wood (treated or untreated), green waste likely to cause significant smoke, plastic, garden waste. Take 'unburnables' to a recycling centre.

Yes: perennial weeds (dried), prunings from trees and bushes (dried), brambles, woody vegetable material that cannot be composted.