



- Controlled burns are prohibited during the Critical Fire Period and on days with a Very High or Maximum risk index.
- Do not undertake controlled burns when the weather is hot and dry or when it is windy.

What is the Critical Fire Period?

This is the period when special fire-prevention measures and campaigns are in force to guard against wildfires. It runs from the 1st of July to the 30th of September, but its duration may be changed depending on the weather conditions.



- Choose cloudy and wet days.
- Take your mobile phone with you so you can raise the alarm in case of fire.
- Have someone else with you when you do the burn.

For more information contact:

- The Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas, IP (Institute for the Protection of Nature and Forests – ICNF/IP);
- The local forestry organisation (OPF);
- Your municipality's technical office for forestry (GTF);

Read the current wording of Law 76/2017, of 17 August. It sets out the measures and actions to be taken within the scope of the National System for Protecting Forests against Wildfire.

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How to do a controlled burn of heaped materials safely

National awareness-raising campaign



Find out when you can do a controlled burn



- Call the fire brigade or the Municipal Civil Protection unit.
- Check the fire risk index online at www.ipma.pt or www.icnf.pt. Register on the app available on the ICNF's website and receive daily information about the fire risk in your municipality.



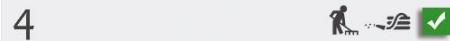
What is a controlled burn?

- The use of fire to eliminate left-over materials from forestry operations, farming or gardening, such as pruned leaves and branches from vines and olive trees, among others, cut up and piled into a heap.



Controlled burn of left-over farm materials.

How to carry out a controlled burn safely



- Move the pile of left-over materials that you are going to burn away from grazing land, woods, scrubland and trees.
- Make a **vegetation-free firebreak** around the things that you are going to burn.
- **Wet the firebreak** before you start the burn.
- Have a container with **water** or a hose alongside the site of the burn.



In case of fire **DIAL 112**

A fire-free Portugal depends on all of us



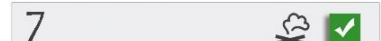
- Make several **small piles** instead of big ones.
- Burn the left-over waste in **batches**.



- Stay **vigilant**. If any sparks fly, put them out immediately.
- Leaving a burn unattended is **prohibited**.
- Pay attention to changes in the **wind**. Protect yourself from the smoke by covering your mouth and nose with damp cloths or a smoke mask. **Inhaling smoke can be fatal**.
- If the burn gets out of control keep a safe distance and dial 112.



How to put out a burn



- Keep burning until only **ashes** are left.
- **Turn over** the burnt remains to see if any small flames still persist.
- Put the burn site out with **water** or by **throwing earth** on top of it.
- Do not leave the site until you have checked that there is **no smoke** coming from the ashes



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(Free call)