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FOLLOW THE RULES.

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**NOTIFY OR
REQUEST
AUTHORISATION
TO BURN PILES OF
VEGETATION.**

Consult Decree-Law No. 82/2021 of 13 October,
as amended.



**PORTUGAL IS CALLING.
FOR YOU. FOR EVERYONE.**

Before burning, consider alternative ways to remove vegetation: mulching and incorporation into the soil, biomass use, composting and energy production.

On days of “very high” or “maximum” rural fire risk, burning piles of vegetation is prohibited.

Check your municipality fire risk at ipma.pt/en

On other days, burning is only allowed with authorisation or prior notification.

This is mandatory.

Avoid fines.

Contact your City Council or visit fogos.icnf.pt/queimasqueimadas.

WHEN BURNING PILES OF VEGETATION:

- Create small piles. If you have a large amount of material, divide it into several piles and burn gradually.
- Keep piles away from grassland, scrub, bushes or trees.
- Clear all vegetation around the pile using a hoe, creating a strip of at least half a metre, and soak it thoroughly with water.
- Always keep water or a hose nearby.
- Stay alert. If a spark escapes, extinguish it immediately.
- Monitor wind speed and changes, as they may cause the fire to spread.
- Protect yourself from smoke. Cover your nose and mouth with a damp cloth or use a mask. Smoke inhalation can be FATAL (most deaths related to burning activities are caused by smoke inhalation).
- It is prohibited to leave before the fire is fully extinguished.

TO BURN PILES OF VEGETATION

- Do not burn in hot, dry or windy conditions.
- Choose cloudy and humid days.
- Keep a mobile phone with you to raise the alarm in case of fire.
- Do not burn alone.

IF THE FIRE GETS OUT OF CONTROL:

- Call 112 and provide precise directions to the location.
- Move to a safe place.
- Ask for help and alert neighbours and family.



TO FINISH BURNING:

- Turn over the burned material and check for small flames.
- Fully extinguish with water or cover with soil.
- Before leaving, ensure there is no smoke coming from the ashes.
- At the end, only ashes should remain.