



Fire Prevention in Critical Fire period or outside the period when the risk is “Very High” or “Extreme”

The Critical Fire Period normally runs each year from 1st July to 30th September.

In accordance with the law the ANPC National Civil Protection Authority informs that the following applies in rural areas:

- Do not burn fires or light fires for recreational or pleasure, or cooking food;
- Do not use burning and combustion equipment for lighting or cooking food;
- Do not burn cut and piled woods and any surplus of cuttings;
- Do not release of balloons with burning wick or other type of rocket;
- Do not smoke or use naked flames of any kind in forest areas and pathways;
- Machinery used on land for cleaning such as tractors should be fitted with a device to prevent sparks and a 6 kg fire extinguisher should be carried

Hefty fines apply to anyone caught violating the above.

The ANPC also recommends the appropriateness of behaviour and attitudes towards forest fire danger, particularly with the adoption of necessary preventive and precautionary measures.

Use of BBQs

Concerning the use of BBQs, the ANPC have clarified that if this in your terrace area or a properly constructed BBQ in your garden or a designated area, then there is no problem. It is a matter of common sense and what this provision is aimed at preventing in using BBQs, say in a field or grass/scrub areas where there is an obvious fire risk. If your BBQ is in your garden make sure it is away from grass/bushes etc and keep a fire extinguisher and water supply handy.

The daily fire risk for all Municipalities can be found [here](#).

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