

Record of smoke occurrences

To enable our office to conduct pollution investigations it is necessary for you to complete the “Nuisance Allegation” form and keep a diary of smoke emissions that are experienced. This form can serve as your diary records.

A “Record of Burning” form will also be offered to the property occupier where the alleged nuisance source of the smoke may be originating for completion over the same period of time.

The following points will assist you with your smoke record keeping.

- During winter the smell of wood smoke tends to be ever-present in Toowoomba. The odours are noticeable when you step outside your door or when windows are left open. We can assist in cases where unacceptable smoke pollution is being experienced and the source of the nuisance can be clearly pinpointed.
- Starting up a fire normally takes a while and smoke emissions during this period are unavoidable (approximately 20minutes). Furthermore, as people place more wood on the fire, smoke will be emitted for a few minutes also.
- When recording your information, it is important to describe the smoke emissions and write down the date and times of occurrence.

- To assist you in your assessments please refer to the pictures on the bottom of the Record of Smoke Occurrences form. When identifying the smoke density you need to use the numbering system to as an indicator of the smoke density at the time of the observation.
- It is important for us to know how long the smoke continued at the density described when using the numbering system.
- The council officer will recommend a monitoring period, which should best suite the investigation.

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Toowoomba Regional Council

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Record of smoke occurrences diary

Day/Date	Time	Describe characteristics of smoke E.g. Colour, Direction and Movement	Describe the amount or rate Refer to pictures below 1, 2 or 3	How long does the smoke continue at for in the amount described

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