

## “Staycation” during Corona:

# Summertime barbecuing is great fun!

**Campfires may be enjoyable, but there is much to consider to avoid wildfires. Sometimes fires are banned (“Eldningsförbud”).**

This year many people choose to stay home on vacation in Sweden. More people decide to enjoy outdoor life close to home.

If you intend to set up a campfire in the wild, take care! Choose a barbecue site provided by the municipality.

If no prepared barbecue site is available, find a spot surrounded by rocks and gravel. Make sure to stay away from dry grass, bushes and trees. Always bring enough water to put the fire out.

When you have finished, soak and stir the ember to make it chill. Wait 10 minutes and then make sure the fire site is cold.

*If something goes wrong: call 112.*

Never set up a fire on bedrock as it may crack.

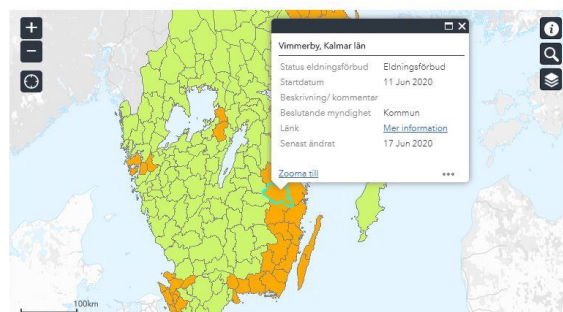
### **Always check if there is a fire ban**

On hot and dry days the wildland fire danger level is higher. There may be a total fire ban in the wild.

Each municipality decides separately on fire bans and restrictions. The risk of wildfire can change rapidly.

That is why you need to check current restrictions every time you want to start a campfire. A map showing where in the county campfires are allowed can be found on the web-pages of the County administration, the municipality concerned, or the local fire department.

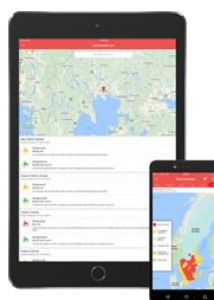
## Om eldningsförbud



*Each municipality decides separately on fire regulations, and they may change fast. Orange means there is a fire ban. Green means fires are allowed.*



Point your mobile camera towards the QR code.



*Even if there is no fire ban it's important to take care. Is it a good idea to start a campfire given the weather conditions?*

*The application BRANDRISK UTE gives more information on current risks where you are. (It is in Swedish only).*



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## Barbecuing on your own balcony?

There is no law forbidding a barbecue on your balcony, but many lessors and housing cooperatives have their own rules.

Avoid charcoal barbecues on a balcony if you have neighbors and ask them before you start your grill. Many people are bothered by the smoke.

Use a gas or an electric barbecue instead. Never leave a lit barbecue without surveillance.

## Large wildfires in Sweden

There is plenty of forest in Kalmar county. Therefore a wildfire can spread fast. In 2018 there were several wildfires in our county as well as in other parts of Sweden. In some parts people had to be evacuated.

In 2014 the county of Västmanland was hit by wildfires. Millions of crowns worth burned down, many animals were burned to death and there was even a human casualty.

Fire fighters from Kalmar county joined to help, as well as thousands of volunteers from all over the country.

## Are you planning a “staycation”?

Have you ever heard the word “hemester” (“staycation”)? It is a mixture of the words “semester” (vacation) and “hemma” (home).

The word is invented but refers to staying home for vacation. Many people decide on “hemester” this year.



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