

Smoke Control Orders

There are currently 200 Smoke Control Orders registered as Local Land Charges in Leeds and these cover approximately half of the geographical area that makes up the Leeds City Council administrative area.

If you want to know whether your property is covered by one you can find this out by one of the three options listed below:

1. submitting an LLC1 Search (£32.00) – this search will reveal **all** (if any) Local Land Charges affecting your property);
2. carry out a Personal Search [of the Local Land Charges Register] by attending our office at St George House (1st Floor), 40 Great George Street, Leeds. No fee is payable but it is your responsibility to carry the search out/make notes;
3. or by searching through LocalView via the Leeds City Council web site www.leeds.gov.uk. No fee is required.

General Information

What restrictions do they impose on my property?

It is an offence to burn any fuel in a fireplace, whether domestic or commercial, in a property within an area covered by one of those orders. The only exceptions to these are if the fuel is a special smokeless fuel. This restriction applies to any stove or appliance that is vented by a chimney. As well as the chimneys to homes/factories, this also applies to garden, greenhouse and allotment stoves/heaters.

What can happen if I burn non-smokeless fuels within covered areas?

The burning of non-authorized fuels i.e. bituminous coal, wood or garden waste will cause smoke and this offence may lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

Examples of Authorised Smokeless Fuels for open fires in Smoke Control Areas:

- Anthracite
- Sunbrite
- Coalite
- Homefire
- For more a more detailed list see the DEFRA web site below.

More information can be obtained from the websites listed below:

- Leeds City Council - www.leeds.gov.uk/airpollution
- The following web site provides comprehensive guidance on the types of permitted fuels to burn as well more in depth information on Smoke Control Orders:
<http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/>

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