

FIREBREAK ORDER BUSHFIRES ACT 1954

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are hereby required on or before 31 October 2025, to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until 15 April 2026 mineral earth firebreaks in the following dimensions, on the land owned or occupied by you.

1. RURAL LAND

1.1 **Mineral earth firebreaks** of not less than 2.44 metres (8 feet) in width must be constructed along and within 20 metres of all external boundaries of the property owned or occupied by you. If any portion of the land adjoins a public road or railway line, a firebreak must also be constructed along that boundary.

1.2 Property in excess of 250 hectares shall have **mineral earth firebreaks** positioned as necessary to divide land into areas not exceeding 250 hectares each completely surrounded by a **mineral earth firebreak**.

1.3 Clear and maintain **mineral earth firebreaks** at least 2.44 metres (8 feet) wide within 20 metres of the perimeter of any building or group of buildings, fuel tanks, hayshed or haystack, in such a manner as to fully encircle the structure/s. In addition to **mineral earth Firebreaks**, a 20 metre wide low fuel zone is required to be maintained around any building or group of buildings, fuel tanks, hayshed or haystack. Low fuel means the removal of inflammable material, dead trees, leaf litter and trash and the removal of dead branches to a height of 1.5 metres from live standing trees. Grass is to be slashed to a height not exceeding 100mm.

1.4 During any period when harvesting operations are being conducted, there shall be provided an operational mobile firefighting unit with a minimum capacity of 500 litres of water located in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested. The responsibility to supply the unit is that of the landowner/occupier.

2. TOWN SITES

2.1 Where the area of the land is 0.2 hectares (one half of one acre) or less, you shall clear all inflammable material on the land from the whole of the land.

2.2 Where the area of the land exceeds 0.2 hectares (one half of one acre), you shall clear of all inflammable material, **mineral earth Firebreaks** not less than 2.44 metres (8 feet) wide immediately inside all external boundaries of the land, and also immediately surrounding all buildings, haystacks and fuel ramps situated on the land, and also immediately surrounding any drums or drums situated on the land which are normally used for the storage of fuel, whether they contain fuel or not.

2.3 All grass must be maintained to a height of no more than 100mm

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The term **inflammable Material** or the purpose of this notice includes bush (as defined in the Bush Fires Act 1954), timber, boxes, cartons, paper, and the like inflammable materials, rubbish and any combustible matter, but does not include buildings, green standing trees and bushes or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawns.

If it is considered to be impractical for any reason to provide **mineral earth firebreaks** in the position or adhere to the provisions required by this notice, the written approval of Council or a duly authorised officer must be obtained to prepare such **mineral earth firebreaks** in an alternative position. If permission is not granted by Council or a duly authorised officer you shall comply with the requirements of this order.

The term **mineral earth firebreak** means an area of the owner(s)/ occupier(s) land, cleared and maintained totally clear of all vegetation material (living or dead) so there is only mineral earth left.

4. INSPECTIONS

All properties will be inspected from 31 October 2025 to ensure they comply with these requirements. Failure to comply will result in an infringement being issued.

The penalty for failing to comply with this Order is a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000) and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed by this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this notice.



Acceptable mineral earth firebreak



Not acceptable mineral earth firebreak

Harvesting is not permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

**RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
19 September to 31 October
BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED**

**PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
1 November to 15 February
NO BURNING PERMITTED (INCLUDING CAMP FIRES)**

**RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
16 February to 15 April
BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED**

NO BURNING PERMITTED ON DAYS WHEN HIGH OR GREATER FIRE DANGER IS FORECAST

Fire Weather information available at www.bom.gov.au , on the Emergency WA app or by listening to ABC Regional Radio

PREPARE, ACT AND SURVIVE

For further information contact DFES on 1300 657 209 or visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Bush fires happen every summer; they can start suddenly and without warning. People have been killed or seriously injured, and homes destroyed in recent events in WA. If you live in or near bush, fire is a real risk to you and your family.

You need to understand the bush fire risk to your family and home so you can make decisions now on what you will do if a bush fire starts. Fire fighters are preparing for the bush fire season and will do everything they can to make your community safe. Fire fighters are volunteers and take time away from their families putting themselves at risk to support you and your family.

You need to help them by developing your bush fire survival plan and preparing your home to make it as safe as possible. Whether you choose to leave for a safer place or you choose to actively defend, preparation is the key to your survival.

PREPARE your family, home or business – know your bush fire risk and have a bush fire survival plan.

ACT on the fire danger ratings – put your preparations into action, do not wait and see.

SURVIVE by monitoring conditions if a fire starts – know the bush fire warning alert levels and what you do if you are caught in a fire.

Natalie Manton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GENERAL INFORMATION

PERMITS

Permits for burning during the restricted burning period are available from your **local** Bush Fire Control Officer; please refer to the list on the back page of this notice. No burning is permitted on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Persons burning without permits during the Restricted Burning Period or on days when a High or greater fire weather warning has been issued may be prosecuted.

HARVEST AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES BANS

Contractors carting lime, gypsum or fertilizer are allowed to enter into paddocks to unload at any time that there is a **Harvest and Movement of Vehicles Ban** in place on the condition that a manned fire unit with at least 500 litres of water is in attendance.

The term **Harvest and Movement of Vehicles Ban** includes harvesting and the movement of vehicles in paddocks, except vehicles carrying water to stock. It also includes hay bailing and carting, clover harvesting, stubble crunching, reefinishing and other activities that may start a fire.

TOTAL FIRE BANS may be imposed by DFES on a regional basis on days of extreme or higher Fire Danger. Activities which may cause a fire are prohibited. Harvesting/movement bans may also be imposed by the Shire.

ROADSIDE BURNING AND SPRAYING

No roadside burning or spraying is allowed by any person within the Shire without the approval of the CEO.

TOWNSITE GARDEN REFUSE

Provided a fire danger forecast of **catastrophic, extreme** or **high** fire danger has not been issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, garden refuse may be burnt at any time; day or night, in a properly constructed incinerator designed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material. The incinerator must not be situated less than 2 metres from any building or fence and the area of 2 metres surrounding the incinerator is clear of flammable material.

Garden refuse and refuse on the ground may only be burnt between the hours of 6pm and 11pm and the fire must be completely extinguished by not later than midnight on that day. An area of 5 metres must be cleared all around the site of the fire and a person must remain in attendance at the site during the whole time that the fire is burning. A person must not burn garden refuse at any place at any time when there is a Total Fire Ban in force.

RESPONSIBILITY

Section 28 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 provides that where a bush fire is burning during prohibited or restricted times, the occupier of the land shall forthwith, whether he or she has lit or caused such fire to be lit or not, take all possible steps to extinguish the fire. Where owners or occupiers fail to extinguish the fire a Bush Fire Control Officer may take all proper measures to extinguish such fire and the expenses of that action are recoverable from owners and occupiers.

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Greg Evans 9065 7021 ph 0429 657 021 m

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

Steven Bolt 9065 2043 ph 0427 652 043 m

BILBARIN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Steven Bolt 9065 2043 ph 0427 652 043 m

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Kim Sturges 0488 658 040 m

Craig Poultney 9062 9130 ph 0427 454 002 m

John Hewett 9063 2480 ph 0427 632 480 m

Braden Grylls 9065 8006 ph 0428 658 048 m

CORRIGIN EAST BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Tim George 9065 5045 ph 0427 655 045 m

Kim Courboules 0427 632 624 m

Bruce Talbot 9063 2132 ph 0427 632 224 m

CORRIGIN CENTRAL BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Garrick Connelly 9063 2956 ph 0488 632 107 m

Adam Rendell 9063 2291 ph 0427 632 291 m

Natalie Manton 9063 2203 ph 0427 425 727 m

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PLEASE PLAN AHEAD, do not ring a Fire Control Officer on the day you want to burn and expect a permit, as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours and the Shire once the permit is granted.



UHF CH5

**For Emergency Bush Fire Assistance
Phone 000 or the Shire Office on
90632203 during office hours.**

**To register for SMS notifications of
Harvest Bans via your mobile phone
please contact the Shire Office on
9063 2203.**

**When attending a fire use UHF channel 5 to communicate
with Fire Control Officers.**

**FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS
HEREBY SERVED TO ALL RESIDENTS
AND RATEPAYERS
WITHIN
THE SHIRE OF CORRIGIN**



**FIREBREAK
ORDER
2025/2026**

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**PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH THIS NOTICE - \$5000.00**