

# 2024-2025 FIRE PREVENTION ORDER

## FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

With reference to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you, in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This order is valid for the period 1 July – 30 June annually.

**Work must be completed by the 30 November annually and maintained until the close of the entire Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.**

### PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

If you do not fully understand this notice, please contact Emergency & Ranger Services during office hours on 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer to discuss.

**PERSONS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDER MAY BE ISSUED WITH AN INFRINGEMENT NOTICE PENALTY (\$250.00) OR PROSECUTED WITH AN INCREASED PENALTY (MAXIMUM PENALTY \$5,000). ADDITIONALLY THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP MAY CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED WORK AT COST TO THE OWNER/OCCUPIER.**

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Burning Permits Required

2 November 2024

to

14 December 2024

### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

NO FIRES PERMITTED

15 December 2024

to

14 March 2025

*(subject to extension)*

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Burning Permits Required

15 March 2025

to

26 April 2025

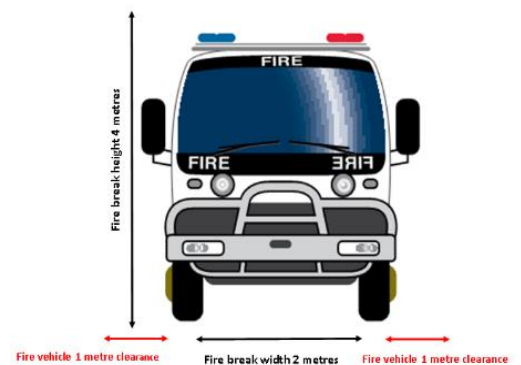
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## RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, DEVELOPMENT, RESTRICTED USE, MIXED BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ZONES\*

- All flammable material/vegetation (except living trees) **MUST** be slashed or grazed to a height that does not exceed 100 millimetres.
- Removal of isolated flammable material (dead tree and tree branches) **MUST** be removed.

## SMALL HOLDINGS ZONE\*

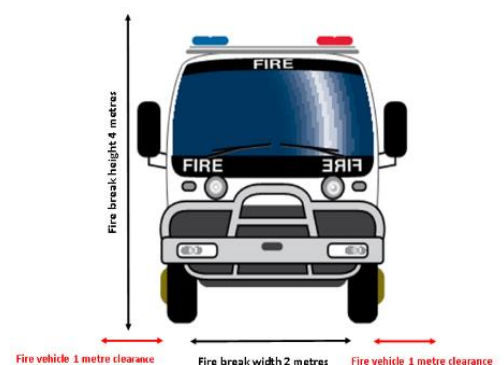
- A firebreak (as defined), must be installed immediately inside and along all property boundaries, 2 metres in width and 4 metres in height. The firebreak may only deviate from a boundary up to 6 metres, to avoid established trees and /or other natural features that would make it impractical to be installed on the boundary.
- A 20 metre Asset Protection Zone (as defined) **MUST** be slashed to a height that does not exceed 100 millimetres surrounding dwellings, sheds and all haystacks.
- All flammable material/vegetation (dead trees and branches) **MUST** be removed from the 20 metre Asset Protection Zone.
- Where slashing is not possible, material/vegetation must be burnt back or sprayed with a suitable herbicide to prevent growth throughout the entire restricted and prohibited burning periods.
- Burn piles can be kept and are approved under the following conditions:
  - a burn pile is to be no closer than 20 metres from any structure.
- All fire wood piles must be stored away from a dwelling during the restricted and prohibited burning periods.



[Minimum clearance for fire break in small holdings](#)

## GENERAL FARMING, RESTRICTED USE AND TOURIST ZONES\*

- **Non Irrigated lots** – a vehicle access track, 4 metre in width and 4 metre in height that **MUST** include a 2 metre wide firebreak (as defined), must be installed immediately inside and along the lot boundary where it adjoins a road and/or rail reserve. The firebreak may only deviate from the boundary, up to 6 metres, to avoid established trees/or other natural features, that would make it impractical to install a firebreak at that location.



[Minimum clearance for fire break in general farming, restricted use and tourist zones](#)

- **Irrigated land** (as defined) is to be maintained in a non-flammable state for the whole of the restricted and prohibited burning periods.
- Firebreaks are **NOT** required on irrigated land that is being **actively and regularly irrigated throughout the entire restricted and prohibited burning periods.**
- Irrigation channels that are situated **inside and along** a lot boundary will be accepted as a firebreak provided the irrigation channel is utilised on that property throughout the **entire restricted and prohibited burning periods.**
- Burn piles can be kept and are approved under the following conditions:
  - a burn pile is to be no closer than 20 metres to any structure; and
  - a 2 metre wide and 4 metre in height firebreak is to be placed around the perimeter of any burn pile.
- All fire wood piles must be stored away from a dwelling during the restricted and prohibited burning periods.

## PLANTATIONS

- **BARE EARTH** firebreaks of 15 metres in width and 4 metres in height must be maintained inside and along all boundaries of a plantation with 6-10 metre wide internal firebreaks between compartments.
- Where power lines pass through plantation areas, firebreaks must be in accordance with Western Power specifications.

*\* Zones defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No.3.*

## WHERE AND HOW TO OBTAIN BURNING PERMITS

Applications for burning permits are available from your local Bush Fire Control Officer at no cost. The local Bush Fire Control Officer will note the relevant conditions you must comply with on your burning permit.

**You are advised that Burning Permits are automatically invalidated on days of “high”, “extreme” or “catastrophic” fire danger.**

**To minimise the use of resources on unnecessary call outs, burns conducted outside the restricted burning period are encouraged to be registered with the Department of Fire & Emergency Service (DFES) Communications Centre on 9395 9209, immediately prior to commencing the burn.**

**Garden Refuse Urban Areas (town sites):** No garden refuse is permitted to be burnt on the ground, in the open air or in an outdoor incinerator within the urban areas of Dardanup, Eaton and Burekup town sites **at any time of the year unless a permit to burn has first been obtained** from a Fire Control Officer for special circumstances such as a large block that needs hazard reduction.

**All Other Areas in Shire of Dardanup:** Pursuant to section 24G(2) and section 25(1a) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the burning of garden refuse and camp and cooking fires is prohibited in all areas within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Prohibited Burning Period**. Furthermore, pursuant to section 24G(2) the burning of garden refuse and camp and cooking fires are prohibited within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Restricted Burning Period unless a permit to burn has first been obtained** from a Fire Control Officer.

**Solid Fuel Cooking Appliances (e.g.: pizza oven/outdoor barbeque, outdoor stove and fire pits):** The use of solid fuel cooking appliances is prohibited in all areas within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Prohibited and Restricted Burning Period UNLESS;**

- the fire rating is below HIGH;
- is fitted with an effective spark arrestor to pizza oven & outdoor stove;
- an area of 2m surrounding the appliance is cleared from flammable materials;
- running water is on site and is accessible;
- a responsible able body adult is in attendance throughout and until the fire is completely extinguished.

The use of **Solid Fuel Cooking Appliances (e.g.: pizza oven/outdoor barbeque, outdoor stove and fire pits)** are prohibited during a **TOTAL FIRE BAN**.

## **FIREBREAK VARIATIONS/EXEMPTIONS**

If it is considered impractical for any reason to install a firebreaks or remove flammable materials from any land as required by this Order, you are required to make written application to the Shire of Dardanup **no later than 30 September each year**. **This application shall** include a plan detailing the alternative fire prevention measures taken on the land. Prescribed Firebreak Variation/Exemption Forms are available from the Shire of Dardanup offices or by visiting the Shire of Dardanup website. If your request for a variation/exemption is not granted, you **must** comply with the requirements of this Order.

## **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this notice the following definitions apply:

### **ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ)**

Asset protection zones must be a minimum of 20 metres. An asset protection zone is a low fuel area immediately surround a building and is designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact with buildings and the effect of radiant heat. It is important to maintain the asset protection zones and from flammable material. If there are large trees in the asset protection zone, consideration of having

the trees pruned by a professional contactor. There should be no trees overhanging buildings or assess within the asset protection zone.

### **BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

A “Bush Fire Management Plan” means a plan that has been developed and approved by the Shire of Dardanup to reduce and mitigate fire hazards within a subdivision, lot or other area of land within the district. Where the property has an approved Bush Fire Management Plan, compliance **MUST** be achieved in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Bush Fire Management Plan, in addition to the requirement of this notice.

### **IRRIGATED LAND**

Irrigated land is defined as agriculture land that is watered, kept fully watered and is maintained in a non-flammable state for the whole of the restricted and prohibited burning periods.

### **FIREBREAK**

A firebreak is an area of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing which may be flammable, leaving a surface of bare mineral earth. Firebreaks must be constructed immediately inside and along all property boundaries. Firebreaks provide safer access for land owners and fire appliances to conduct fire suppression activities.

### **PLANTATION**

Means a stand of trees of 10 hectare or larger, that has been established by sowing or planting of either native or exotic tree species and managed intensively for their commercial and/or environmental value. A plantation includes roads, tracks, firebreaks and small areas of native vegetation surrounded by plantations. Implicit in this definition is the recognition that plantations will be harvested.

### **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

A person appointed by the Shire of Dardanup as a Bush Fire Control Officer.

**For further information please call the Shire of Dardanup 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer. For all fire emergencies, please dial**



## Would you like to become involved in a volunteer bush fire brigade?

Why not join a Shire of Dardanup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and learn how to prevent fires and be trained in firefighting!

All volunteers are very welcome.

There are many dimensions to being a volunteer bush fire brigade member or cadet (11-16 years of age), as all are encouraged to choose the type of activities that best suit their capabilities and interest.

Being a volunteer is a rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and provide assistance in protecting your community. Respecting others, working together as a team and acting with honesty and integrity are the values embraced by members.

If you are interested in being a volunteer bush fire fighter please contact the Shire of Dardanup Emergency Management Officer 9724 0347 or email [brigade@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:brigade@dardanup.wa.gov.au)



## Register your mobile for SMS Messages

The Shire of Dardanup has implemented a SMS Notification Service for Total Fire Ban & Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans, as well as information relating to restricted/prohibited burning periods. As soon as a Total Fire Ban or Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban is called, all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone. This service is free of charge. To subscribe for this service please email your details to [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au) or phone Ranger Services on 9724 0307.

### **Terms and Conditions**

*By subscribing to this service you agree to receive SMS messages from the Shire of Dardanup regarding "Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans" and other bans imposed during the fire season.*

*You accept that by subscribing to this service you will receive message for the current and future fire seasons.*

*The Shire of Dardanup reserves the right to discontinue this service at any time. Any decision to discontinue this service will be advised via this SMS service.*

*You accept that radio announcements are still the primary means of notification of bans. In the event of a discrepancy between this SMS service and an announcement on the radio, the latter shall prevail.*

*You have the right to unsubscribe from this service at any time. To unsubscribe, please notify the Shire of Dardanup in writing via email [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au) . You accept that the Shire may from time to time use this SMS service to send other topical messages.*

*If you have any further enquires please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Dardanup during normal business hours on 9724 0307.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPIER

- All properties must be compliant with the Fire Prevention Order by 30 November each year.
- An inspection of properties will be carried out in all areas of the Shire of Dardanup by an Authorised Officer from 1 December each year.
- Action will be taken for non-compliance with the requirements of the Fire Prevention Order.
- Penalties will apply and the Shire of Dardanup may carry out the required work and charge the cost to the owner/occupier.

### FIRE EMERGENCY

For all fire emergencies, please dial “000” in the first instance and give full details of the incident to the operator.

### INTERPRETATIONS

**Firebreak:** A firebreak is an area of land that has been cleared to all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing which may be flammable, leaving a surface of bare mineral earth. Firebreaks must be constructed inside and along the property boundary. Firebreaks provide safer access to land owners and fire appliances to conduct fire suppression activities.

**General Farming Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Small Holdings Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Residential Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Industrial Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Restricted Use Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Development Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Mixed Business Zone:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Commercial Zones:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.

**Tourist Zones:** Land defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No. 3.



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**Prohibited Burning Period:** Means **NO** fires shall be lit during this period.

**Restricted Burning Period:** The period of time when permits are required in order to legally burn.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Due to seasonal conditions, dates in regard to burning may be varied, therefore it is recommended to check with the Shire of Dardanup or a Fire Control Officer if there is any doubt.
- The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer declares any variations in dates for the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period.
- Once a Bush Fire Brigade has extinguished a fire on private property, it is the property owner(s) responsibility to ensure that the fire does not reignite.
- Campfires are completely banned in the Shire of Dardanup during the prohibited burning period.
- When sprayed firebreaks are used, it is recommended that they be sprayed by the end of August every year and again if required.
- Fire Control Officers will notify the Shire of Dardanup office of burning permits issued.
- The Shire endeavors to undertake fire risk verge maintenance on its roads within the limitations of its available resources. Where possible, the Shire undertakes mitigation strategies targeting high risk areas, in consultation with local brigades, including controlled burns, slashing and spraying to minimize hazards. The Shire is unable to guarantee its actions will address all fire risks.

## BUSH FIRE CONTROL

It is the responsibility of all owners/occupiers to extinguish any uncontrolled fire that may be burning on their property, and it is therefore recommended that all property owners secure and maintain some convenient and effective type of fire-fighting equipment.

## FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS CONTACT DETAILS

Burekup District (Deputy CFCO North)	Mr Clay Rose	0429 194 735
Dardanup Central District	Mr Brendan Putt	0409 087 952
Eaton Townsite/District (Chief FCO)	Mr Chris Hynes	0428 825 496
Ferguson District	Mr Lyndon Skeers	0407 424 147
Joshua/Crooked Brook District	Mr Jeffrey Duncombe	0429 204 011
Upper Ferguson District	Mr Grant Ratcliffe	0429 692 013
Waterloo District (Deputy CFCO South)	Mr Robert Drennan	0427 263 243
Wellington Mills District	Mr Russell Harvie	0408 931 387
West Dardanup District	Mr Neil Dyer	0418 588 159
Fire Weather Officer	Mr Alan Charlton	0428 272 564
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Murray Halden	9724 0000
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Paul Sydney-Smith	9724 0000
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Dean Jolly	9724 0000

