

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 the 15th day of September 2018, to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until the 31st day of March 2019 firebreaks in the following dimensions, on the land owned or occupied by you.

1. TOWN SITES

1.1 Where the area is 2,000 square metres or less, remove all annual grass and herbage.

1.2 Where the area is greater than 2,000 square metres, construct a firebreak not less than three metres in width immediately inside all external boundaries and immediately surrounding all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land.

2. FUEL DUMPS AND/OR DEPOTS

All grass and inflammable material is to be cleared from areas where fuel is stored and such areas are to be maintained free of grass and similar inflammable material until the 31st day of March 2019.

3. RURAL LAND

Firebreaks of not less than three metres in width:

- a. immediately inside and along the whole external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied by you; and
- b. in such other positions as is necessary to divide the land into areas not exceeding 404 hectares.

In addition, firebreaks of at least three metres in width are required surrounding, and not more than fifty metres from the perimeter of any building, group of farm buildings, haystack or fuel storage situated on the land.

4. HARVESTING AND STRAW RAKING, BALING AND CHAINING OPERATIONS

A person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header or undertake straw raking, baling or chaining activities in any crop or paddock during the restricted and prohibited period unless a readily mobile fire fighting unit containing a minimum of 400 litres of water capacity powered by an engine driven pump is in attendance in or adjacent to the entrance of the paddock being harvested, raked, baled or chained.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The term "Inflammable Material" for 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 firebreaks in the position or adhere to the provisions required by this notice, the written approval of a Bush Fire Control Officer must be obtained to prepare such firebreaks in an alternative position.

If permission is not granted by a duly authorised officer you shall comply with the requirements of this order.

A "Harvesting/Total Movement Ban" includes the movement of vehicles in paddocks, except vehicles carrying water to stock and inspecting water supplies to stock.

Harvesting is not permitted on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Harvesting is permitted on all Sundays and other Public Holidays except where a harvesting or movement ban has been imposed due to extreme weather conditions.

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.

JAMIE CRIDDLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
16 September 2018 to 31 October 2018
BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
1 November 2018 to 14 February 2019
NO BURNING PERMITTED

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
15 February 2019 to 31 March 2019
BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

**NO BURNING PERMITTED ON DAYS
WHEN VERY HIGH OR EXTREME FIRE
DANGER IS FORECAST**

Fire Weather information available at
www.bom.gov.au -or poll fax 1902 93 5295
-or ABC Regional Radio at 6.40am



GENERAL INFORMATION

PERMITS

Permits for burning during the restricted burning period are *only* available from your local Bush Fire Control Officer, please refer to the list on the back page of this notice.

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

HARVEST/MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES IN PADDOCKS BANS

A "Harvesting/Total Movement Ban" includes the harvesting and the movement of vehicles in paddocks, except vehicles carrying water to stock and inspecting water supplies to stock.

HARVEST BAN/EMERGENCY INFO SMS

This service has been running for a number of seasons now. We can send an SMS message direct to your mobile phone to inform you of harvest bans within the Shire.

It will also enable the shire to communicate to residents on other pressing issues such as Road Closures, Fire Bans and Natural Disasters.

This is a quick and effective way of getting the most up to date information to you and will assist in reducing delays experienced by most farmers as they make numerous calls to get the latest update on times etc. If you would like to be on our 'SMS List' please contact Jasmine on 9046 7063 or admin@westonia.wa.gov.au with your name and mobile number.

Please note: This information will be kept private and will be for use by the Shire of Westonia only. Your details will be used solely for the purpose stated above. In the event of an emergency we may use this service to notify you. There is no charge for this service.

RESPONSIBILITY

Section 28 of the Bush Fires Act 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.

PENALTIES

Penalties apply for failure to comply with these regulations.

2018/2019 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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Chief BFCO	Frank Corsini	0429467042	90467042
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Councillor Rep	John Jefferys	0428415892	90415892

**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR LOCAL BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER—**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS WITHIN THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA



BUSH FIRE INFORMATION 2018/2019

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