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 or by listening to ABC Regional Radio

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 2023, to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until 15 April 2024 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.

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)/occupiers(s) land, cleared and maintained totally clear of all vegetation material (living or dead) so there is only mineral earth left.





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.

The term "harvesting/Total Movement Ban" includes harvesting and the movement of vehicles in paddocks, except vehicles carrying water to stock.

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

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.

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

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 <u>local</u> 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/MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES IN PADDOCKS BANS

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

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 Council.

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.

PENALTIES

Penalties apply for failure to comply with these regulations.

INSPECTIONS

All properties will be inspected from 31 October 2023 to ensure they comply with these requirements. Failure to comply will result in an infringement being issued.

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		
Sandow Jacobs	9065 2042 ph	0427 652 042 m
Bruce Mills	9062 9012 ph	0428 956 779 m
Steven Bolt	9065 2043 ph	0427 652 043 m
Paul McBeath	9062 9024 ph	0427 629 024 m
BULLARING BUSH FIRE BRIGADE		
Greg Evans	9065 7021 ph	0429 657 021 m
Greg Doyle	9880 9048 ph	0427 809 044 m
Craig Jespersen	9888 7075 ph	0427 887 075 m
Bryce Nicholls	9063 7014 ph	0429 883 799 m
Juan Baker		0427 378 970 m
BULYEE/KUNJIN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE		
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
Jason Carrall		0448 494 027 m



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.

UHF CH5

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 2023/2024

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