

2025 - 2026 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

TO ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF BROOKTON

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you as set out in this Notice by the dates specified.

This Notice sets out the measures that you must take to prepare your property for the fire season.

This Notice is aimed at preventing the outbreak of a bush fire or preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire.

All owners and occupiers of land within the Shire's district are required to, before 1st of November in each year, clear fire breaks and take measures in accordance with this order up to and including the 14th of April the following year.

If the requirements of this Notice are not met by the due date, or are not completed to the satisfaction of an inspecting officer, an infringement may be issued.

The maximum fine for failure to comply with this Notice is \$5,000. Council can also enter upon the land and carry out required works at the owner/occupier's expense.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
19 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER
1 MARCH TO 14 APRIL

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
1 NOVEMBER TO 28 FEBRUARY

BURN WITH CARE
15 APRIL TO 18 SEPTEMBER

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans are imposed by Local Government under the Bush Fires Regulations 1954 Section 38A and Section 24C, when prevailing and/or anticipated weather conditions and/or when availability or response capacity of the local firefighting resources are reduced. A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban may be imposed for any length of time but is generally imposed for 'heat of the day' periods and may be extended or revoked as weather conditions change. During a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban, the use of engines, vehicles, plant and machinery is prohibited in order to mitigate the associated risk of causing or contributing to the spread of a bushfire.

TOTAL FIRE BAN

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) due to extreme forecast weather conditions or widespread fires stretching firefighting resources. During a TFB the lighting of any fires in the open air and any other activities that may start a fire are prohibited, including:

- All open air fires for the purpose of cooking/camping, i.e. wood fuel barbeques, candles, pizza ovens.
- Incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering, gas cutting, angle grinders and lawnmowers.

COMMUNICATION OF HARVEST & MOVEMENT BANS

All bans will be communicated via the Shire's SMS system, Harvest and Ban Hotline (phone 9487 8128). If you would like to receive notification by SMS on Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans please register at the Shire office on 9642 1106 with your name, organisation and mobile phone number.

HARVEST & MOVEMENT BAN HOTLINE
08 9487 8128

TO REGISTER FOR SMS ALERTS
08 9642 1106



REPORT ALL FIRES TO 000

WORK REQUIRED TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Pursuant to section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the Shire of Brookton gives notice that the owners and/or occupiers of land within the district are required to undertake the following works on land owned or occupied by them.



TOWN SITE LAND

PROPERTIES EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2,023m² IN SIZE. Are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75mm. All slashed material is to be removed.

PROPERTIES OVER 2,023m² IN SIZE. Are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- Construction and maintenance of a 3m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 3m of the property boundaries (footpaths and roads or road verges are not to be accepted as firebreaks); or
- Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75mm including the removal of slashed material, unless an exemption is granted by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and VFRS Captain.



RURAL LAND

PROPERTIES EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 100 HECTARES IN SIZE. Are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- Construction and maintenance of a 3m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 30m of the boundary of the property.
- Construction of a 5m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15m of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage including drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks as well as hay stacks within a shed or within 400m from any infrastructure including operational generators and stationary motors.

PROPERTIES AND AGGREGATED LAND OVER 100 HECTARES IN SIZE. Are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- Construction of a 5m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15m of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage including drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks as well as hay stacks within a shed or within 400m from any infrastructure including operational generators and stationary motors. Excluding seed cleaners as they are deemed part of the harvest operations.
- Hay and straw stacks in open paddock areas awaiting pickup and removal are not required to be surrounded by a firebreak.



PLANTATIONS

Is an area of planted trees, other than a windbreak, within the gazetted townships exceeding 3 hectares and outside of a township exceeding 10 hectares.

Are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- A. Boundary firebreaks: a 15m clear area is required on all boundaries of plantations and along public roads. This clear area must have a minimum trafficable surface of 5m minimum of clear bare earth and a minimum vertical clearance of 4m. The remaining 10m must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e. Closely mowed, grazed or sprayed.
- B. Compartment firebreaks: internal firebreaks between compartments of up to 30 hectares must be a minimum of 6m wide and for compartments over 30 hectares a minimum of 10m wide. In all cases a 5m trafficable surface and a minimum 4m vertical clearance should be maintained to allow access by firefighting appliances.

The requirements of this notice are to be in place for the period between 1st November 2025 to 14th April 2026 inclusive.

LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

The Shire of Brookton gives notice that:

- Landowners must provide an operational, independent, mobile, water filled, firefighting unit with a water capacity of not less than 450 litres at all times on any property of aggregated land over 100 hectares in size throughout the restricted and prohibited burning period.
- During any period when harvesting operations are being conducted:
 - a. an operational, independent, mobile firefighting unit must be located in the same paddock, or within 50m of the paddock; and
 - b. that unit must be kept full of water at all times.

The responsibility to supply the firefighting unit is that of the landowner.

Harvesting operations includes the use of augers and seed cleaning units, other than when used in a silo compound where surrounded by more than 15 metres cleared area.

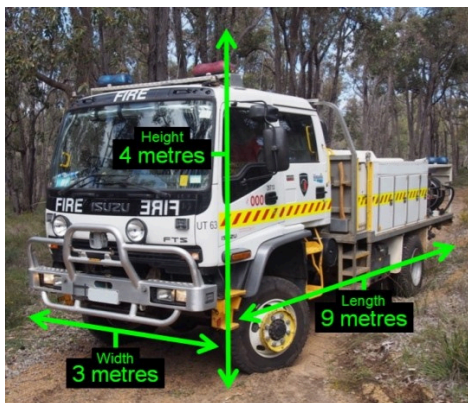
- During any operations throughout the restricted and prohibited burning period that may start a fire on any rural property of aggregated land equal to or less than 100 hectares in size, the operation must be accompanied by at least:
 - a. a trailer type fire unit attached to a towing vehicle: and/or
 - b. a slip-on fire unit that must be attached to the tray of an operational vehicle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Operations likely to cause a fire includes, but is not limited to welding; use of an abrasive cutting disc or repeated driving of vehicles through a paddock.

SLASHER & ROTARY MOWER BAN

The use of slasher and rotary mowers is prohibited:

- from 1st December to 28th February during the hours of 6:00am to 6:00pm; and
 - from 6:00pm on the day before an extreme or above fire danger rating is forecast from Bureau of Meteorology,
- unless that use is:
- on a property within a townsite, of any size, that is reticulated or;
 - on a property outside the townsite, with the area being slashed or mowed is irrigated or reticulated and is less than 1 hectare.



Vehicle Clearance

COMPLIANT



Firebreak Clearance

COMPLIANT



NON-COMPLIANT



NON-COMPLIANT

It is the landowner's responsibility, NOT the contractor, to ensure your property complies with the annual Fire Break Notice

RESTRICTED BURNING

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Burning permits can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. Please remember the Fire Control Officers are volunteers.

Please plan ahead. Do not contact a Fire Control Officer on the day you intend to burn and expect a permit, as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours once the permit is granted.

Please ensure you have the following information before calling a Fire Control Officer.

- The address or property location numbers that the permit is to apply to.
- Firefighting equipment and resources to be present at the fire.
- Size of burn to take place (area).
- Confirm that firebreaks are installed and a fire unit can access the area.
- Complies with current Fire Danger Ratings.
- Name & contact details of no less than three (3) able bodied persons who will be attending the fire at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: Fire Danger Rating for a particular day can over rule permits.

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Travis Eva 0428 421 642

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Tim Evans 0439 424 010
Brad Bassett 0427 421 070

Community Emergency Services Manager
0448 494 027

CENTRAL BRIGADE

Troy Bassett.....0488 190 870
Brad Bassett0427 421 070
Murray Hall0428 421 367

EAST BRIGADE

Bevan Walters ... 0427 426 061
Jarrad Turner..... 0487 639 956
Travis Eva 0428 421 642

WEST BRIGADE

Tim Evans 0439 424 010
Mark Whittington .. 0417 954 061

AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM



ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.



EMERGENCY WARNING

There is a threat to lives or homes. You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.

The AWS is an easy to understand warning system to help you stay safe during an emergency, no matter where you are.

Recent changes to this system include changes to the bushfire warning colours, as well as new nationally consistent hazard icons on Emergency WA <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au>

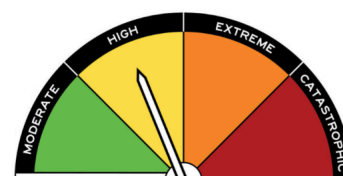
FIRE DANGER RATINGS

The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) tells you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. The higher the FDR, the more severe a bushfire is expected to be.

It is vital that you are aware of the FDR for any areas you are travelling to or through.

You can find all the current FDRs for WA on Emergency WA at <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#firedangerratings>

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

No Rating

Moderate

High

Extreme

Catastrophic