

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

Notice is hereby given to land owners/occupiers within the Shire of Dandaragan that fire breaks and hazard reduction requirements must be installed by **1 November 2026** and maintained up to and including **30 April 2027** as per the requirements of Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Failure, or neglect to comply with this notice is an offence and can result in a penalty of up to \$5,000. The Shire advises that its officers, contractors, vehicles, and machinery, may carry out the requisitions of this notice if they are not complied with throughout the dates specified above. Any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

REQUIREMENTS

Rural Residential Land

- Clear and maintain firebreak
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone

Urban Residential Land

- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 10 centimetres in height
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings

Rural Land

- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 10 centimetres in height
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings

Plantations

- Clear and maintain fire break
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone
- Adopt the practices set in the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection unless variations are set within Local Government Development Approval documentation

DEFINITIONS

BUILDING PROTECTION ZONE: The area within a distance of 20 metres from a habitable building that has a reduced bush fire fuel load, measured from the external walls within the boundaries of the lot on which the dwelling is situated. All grass in Building Protection Zones must be maintained to or under 10 cm in height. Fuel loads within the Building Protection Zones must be maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or under. Wood piles and inflammable materials must be stored a safe distance from habitable buildings. There must be no tree crowns or branches hanging over habitable buildings. Trees are to be under pruned to at least a height of 2 metres from the ground. No tree, or shrub over 2 metres high is to be within 2 metres of a habitable building.

FIRE BREAK: A strip of trafficable area, at least 3 metres wide with a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres, that is maintained clear of inflammable materials and encroaching branches, as close as practical to the boundary of the property. A fire break must be continuous around all boundaries. Where remnant vegetation adjacent to the fire break exceeds 2 metres in height, a further 5 metre wide area between the fire break and vegetation is to be slashed to a height of no more than 50 centimetres.

AUTHORISED OFFICER: An officer appointed as a Shire of Dandaragan Ranger or Fire Control Officer. The Bush Fires Act 1954 gives these Officers the power to enter property for the purposes of enforcing the Act.

ADDITIONAL WORKS: You may be required to carry out further bushfire property preparedness works on your land to reduce any fire hazards considered necessary by a Fire Control Officer. If required, these will be outlined in a 'work order' and sent to the address of the owner.

HABITABLE BUILDINGS: A dwelling, work place, place of gathering or assembly (includes any building used for storage or display of goods or produce for sale). The term habitable building includes attached and adjacent structures such as garages, carports, verandahs or similar roofed structure(s) that are attached to, or within, 6 metres of the dwelling or primary building.

INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL: An object or substance that is easily set on fire (Grass, Bush, Branches etc).

VARIATIONS TO THIS NOTICE

If it is impractical to have a fire break immediately inside a boundary for a valid reason(s), such as topographical, you are required to apply to the Shire of Dandaragan in writing before 1 October to obtain permission for fire breaks to be installed in an alternative position or for alternative measures to be put in place. Approval is granted for a period of 3 years, after which the landowner must re-apply for a variation to the fire break notice. Fire break variation forms can be downloaded from the Shire of Dandaragan website.



BURNING PERIODS

These periods may be varied due to seasonal weather conditions - if you are unsure, contact the Shire of Dandaragan for more information.

WEST COASTAL ZONE
1 November - 31 March

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

EASTERN ZONES
1 November - 28 February

WEST COASTAL ZONE
1 October - 31 October
1 April - 30 April

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

EASTERN ZONES
1 October - 31 October
1 March - 31 March

WEST COASTAL ZONE
1 May - 30 September

RESPONSIBLE BURNING PERIOD

EASTERN ZONES
1 April - 30 September

WEST COASTAL ZONE				2026	2027							
EASTERN ZONES												
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

Permit Required

No Burning

Burn Responsibly

Before burning on your property, it is best practice to inform your neighbours and register the burn on the EmergencyWA Burn Registry by calling 9395 9209, 10 minutes before ignition.

If the burn is to be carried out on any land that is adjoining or adjacent to land that is managed or controlled by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), their office is to be notified by calling 9688 6000.

CONTACTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

BADGINGARRA
Graham Lethlean: 0429 647 201
Josh Barnes: 0429 203 936
Gary Peacock: 0428 529 030
David Wilson: 0429 652 900
Andrew Kenny: 0428 529 110
Geoff Felber: 0488 034 101
James Raffan: 0428 523 006

CERVANTES
Jayson Lindsay: 0488 288 285
Peter Ivey: 0429 652 755

DANDARAGAN
Hugh Roberts: 0428 962 030
Richard Brown: 0428 513 028
Tim Creagh: 0408 080 730
Matt Leeds: 0419 912 390
Lachie Brown: 0427 684 507
Robert Wedge: 0427 770 819
Lincoln Brown: 0418 507 304
Campbell Hurst: 0428 592 966
Jaydon Atkinson: 0400 126 012

HILL RIVER
Aubrey Panizza: 0428 990 748
Dale Park: 0427 953 171

JURIEN BAY
Jason Everington: 0408 814 590
Shane Elliss: 0417 489 416
Cam Rosenthal: 0427 002 532
Geoff Hortin: 0427 525 014
Gary Olsen: 0409 906 253
Peter Sharf: 0449 735 772

CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
Hugh Roberts: 0428 962 030

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER
Will Miller: 0428 114 221

SHIRE RANGER DUTY OFFICER
0455 593 422

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au or download the app to view current incidents, alerts and warnings for your area.

For more information, or any queries relating to this notice, contact (08) 9652 0800 or visit dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Camping & Cooking Fire policy



Harvest Ban SMS Notification Request



Information about Total Fire Bans



HARVESTING:

- No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
- Minimum 400L mobile firefighting unit must be located within the paddock where the harvesting operation is taking place.
- It is mandatory for all operators of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Dandaragan Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban SMS Notification service. Visit the Shire's website or scan the QR code on this notice to sign up.
- A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is likely to be imposed when a Total Fire Ban is in place or when local conditions warrant bans to be applied. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Fire Weather Officer.
- During any period of restricted or prohibited burning, a person shall not operate any agricultural or earth moving vehicles, unless it is carrying an approved fire extinguisher, as described under Section 3 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954.

FIREFIGHTING:

- Trailer mounted fire units are not permitted for use on active fire grounds.
- Any vehicle operating at a fire must be fitted with a UHF radio. UHF Channel CB11 is reserved for firefighting operations throughout the Shire.
- Appropriate PPE/PPC must be carried and worn by all personnel attending a fire.
- Rural Fire Awareness training is available to all industry personnel across the Shire. Contact the Community Emergency Services Manager to find out more.
- It is recommended to have a plough or discs on the property of harvest operation as an additional method of fire response.

INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES: Contravening the Bush Fires Act 1954 may result in prosecution or the issuing of infringements.

GREEN WASTE: Green waste disposal is free at all Shire of Dandaragan waste facilities.



FIRE & BURNING INFORMATION