



# 2025-2026 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 understand this notice, please contact Emergency and Ranger Services  
(08) 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer.**

**Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of the order may be issued with an infringement notice penalty (\$250) 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**

**No fire to be lit without first obtaining a Burning Permit**

**2 November 2025**

**To**

**14 December 2025**

***(this period may be subject to change)***

### **PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD**

**No fire to be lit during this period**

**15 December 2025**

**to**

**14 March 2026**

### **RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD**

**No fire to be lit without first obtaining a Burning Permit**

**15 March 2026**

**to**

**8 May 2026**

***(this period may be subject to change)***

**NOTE:** The Shire of Dardanup Chief Bush Fire Control Officer may vary the dates of the Restricted and Prohibited burn periods depending on the bushfire risk within the shire.

It is recommended that you check with your local Fire Control Officer if unsure of any restrictions that may have been applied.

### **REGISTER YOUR BURN WITH DFES**

Please remember to register ANY burn you plan to undertake at ANY time of the year with DFES on (08) 9395 9209

By notifying DFES, you will assist in preventing unnecessary call-outs of our local fire brigades when member of the public call 000

## **RESIDENTIAL LAND**

### **FIRE PREVENTION WORKS**

The fire prevention work required on land is dependant on the land use as defined in this Notice. Should you be unsure of the category your land is classified as, please contact your local Fire Control Officer.

All flammable material/vegetation (except living shrubs and trees) **MUST** be maintained to a height that does not exceed 40 millimetres and all piles of flammable material are to be removed from the land.

## **SMALL HOLDINGS (Rural Residential)**

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 80 millimetres and be free of all flammable material, vegetation (dead trees and branches) surrounding dwellings, sheds and all haystacks.

All land on the Lot but outside the Asset Protection Zone (excluding the firebreak) that is not being actively grazed and or managed is to be maintained to a height not exceeding 100 millimetres.

Hardstands, formed access ways and reticulated turf not exceeding a height of 40 millimetres and maintained in a green state may negate the need to install a firebreak in that area.

**BURN PILES** can be kept and are approved if they are no closer than 20 metres from any structure

**FIREWOOD PILES** can be kept but are to be stored away from a dwelling during the Restricted and Prohibited burning periods.

## LARGE HOLDINGS

### (Agriculture and General Farming)

#### NON-IRRIGATED LAND

A vehicle access track 4 metres in width which must include a 2-metre wide and 4 metres high fire break (as defined) shall be installed immediately inside and along the lot boundary where it adjoins a road or railway 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.

#### IRRIGATED LAND (as defined)

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 utilized on that property throughout the entire Restricted and Prohibited burning periods.

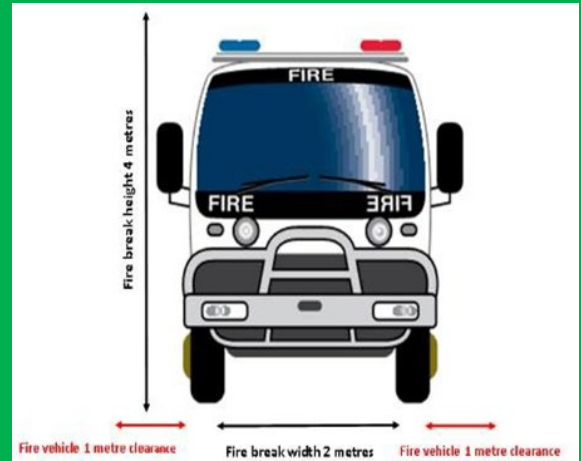
#### GENERAL NOTE

**BURN PILES** can be kept and are approved if they are no closer than 20 metres from any structure. **All FIREWOOD PILES** can be kept but are to be stored away from a dwelling during the Restricted and Prohibited burning periods.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Where land is not actively grazed or maintained for the duration of the Restricted and Prohibited burning periods, a Fire Control Officer may require the landowner to undertake mitigation works to reduce the risk of bushfire. These works may include:

- the installation of a vehicle access track 4metres in width which includes a 2-metre wide and 4-metre-high firebreak as defined immediately inside and along all property boundaries; and/or
- The reduction of all flammable material including grass across the property to a height not exceeding 100 millimetres; and/or
- Undertake specific fire mitigation works as considered appropriate by the Fire Control Officer.



### MIXED BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND

- All flammable material/vegetation (except living trees) MUST be slashed or grazed to a height that does not exceed 100 millimetres.
- Isolated flammable material such as dead tree and tree branches MUST be removed.
- BURN PILES can be kept and are approved if they are no closer than 20 metres from any structure.

### 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.

### Information for all property owners/occupiers

- 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 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.
- When firebreak is created by spraying, it is recommended that they be sprayed by the end of August and re-applied as required to ensure the Firebreak remains complaint.

### Firebreak variations/exemptions

If it is considered impractical for any reason to install a firebreak or remove flammable materials from any land as required by this Notice, you are required to make written application on an Approved Form to the Shire of Dardanup **no later than 30 September each year.**

This application shall include a plan detailing the alternative fire mitigation measures to be 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 application for a variation/exemption is not granted, you **must** comply with the requirements of this Order.

### **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. The Shire of Dardanup office will be notified of all permits issued.

**Please note that Burning Permit is automatically invalidated on days of “high”, “extreme” or “catastrophic” fire danger rating.**

**Call DFES before you burn:** To minimise the use of resources on unnecessary call outs, burns conducted outside the restricted burning period are encouraged to ‘Register your Burn’ with the Department of Fire and Emergency Service (DFES) Communications Centre on (08) 9395 9209, immediately prior to commencing the burn.

**Burning within townsites:** No garden refuse is permitted to be burnt on the ground, in the open air or in an outdoor incinerator within the townsites of Dardanup, Eaton and Burekup at any time of the year unless a permit to burn has first been obtained from a Fire Control Officer. The issue of Permits in these areas is at the sole discretion of the Fire Control Officer.

**All other privately owned land in the Shire of Dardanup:** the burning of garden refuse, campfires and cooking fires are prohibited during the **Prohibited Burning Period**.

The burning of garden refuse and campfires and cooking fires during the **Restricted Burning Period** are not permitted unless a Permit to Burn has first been obtained from a Fire Control Officer.

## Solid Fuel Cooking Appliances

*(pizza oven, outdoor barbeque and outdoor stove)*

The use of a solid fuel cooking appliance (appliance) is permitted without a permit on privately owned land within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods** subject to the following conditions:

- The appliance is located on privately owned property;
- The Fire Danger Rating is Moderate or lower;
- The appliance is fitted with an effective spark arrestor (where applicable);
- Flammable materials within 2 metres of the appliance is removed;
- Water is available on-site and readily accessible; and
- A responsible adult is in attendance throughout and until the fire is extinguished.

## Fire Pits

The use of a fire pit may occur within the shire of Dardanup without a permit if it is in accordance with the applicable conditions for a solid fuel appliance as above and

- the Fire Pit is constructed from brick, stone or metal that fully encloses the fire to a height of no less than 300mm; and
- the total diameter of the pit does not exceed 1 metre.

**The lighting of a fire and the use of a fire pit or solid fuel cooking appliance in a public place may only be done with the prior consent of the competent Authority responsible for that land**

**Use of Solid Fuel Cooking appliances and Fire Pits are**

**PROHIBITED**

**during a**

**TOTAL FIRE BAN**

**Definitions:** For the purpose of this Notice the following definitions apply:

**Asset Protection Zone (APZ):** Asset protection zones are a low fuel area surrounding a building and is designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact and the effect of radiant heat on buildings. The asset protection zone must extend to a minimum of 20 metres from a building and be free from all flammable material. If there are large or trees overhanging a building in the asset protection zone, having them pruned by a professional contactor should be considered.

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

**Bushfire Management Plans:** A “Bushfire Management Plan” means a plan that has been developed by an accredited level 2 or 3 bushfire planning practitioner and approved by the Shire of Dardanup to reduce and/or mitigate fire hazards within a subdivision, lot or other area of land within the district. Properties with an approved Bushfire Management Plan must comply with its conditions as well as this Notice.

**Commercial land:** Means land located within a commercial or industrial subdivision whether developed or not, that may be used for the purpose of providing goods or services on a large scale.

**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 landowners and fire appliances to conduct fire suppression activities.

**Industrial land:** Means land located within a commercial or industrial subdivision, whether developed or not, that may be used for the purpose of



undertaking commercial works of a large scale or to produce goods or services.

**Irrigated land:** Means agricultural land on a Large Holding that is regularly watered and maintained in a non-flammable state for the whole of the restricted and prohibited burning periods.

**Large holdings:** Means a lot or combination of lots that has a total area of more than 5 hectares and where the intended purpose of the land is for agricultural purposes. Large Holdings may include one or more dwellings, structures for storage and maintenance and areas for tourist accommodation but do not include a plantation, industrial or commercial uses.

**Mixed business:** Means land on which a variety of smaller commercial or industrial activities may occur for the purpose of providing goods and services.

**Residential land:** Means land located within the townsites of Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup and its use is not used mixed business, commercial or industrial.

**Small holdings:** Means a lot outside of an urban area that does not exceed 5 hectares and may include a residential dwelling, and outbuildings for minor agricultural activities.

**Plantation:** Means a stand of trees of 10 hectare or larger, that is

established by sowing or planting of 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. Plantations are expected to be harvested, as implied by this definition

### **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 recommended that all property owners secure and maintain some convenient and effective type of fire-fighting equipment.

**NOTE** should a Bushfire Brigade assist with a fire on private property and it is extinguished, it is the property owner(s) responsibility to ensure that the fire does not reignite.

For further information and to understand what activities are and are not permitted during a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban, please refer to the DFES Emergency WA website

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire>

**For more information regarding this Notice contact the Shire of Dardanup on (08) 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer.**

## Interested in becoming involved in a volunteer bushfire brigade?

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

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.

For all emergencies, please call 000



**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	0419 865 483
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	0431 503 157
Fire Weather Officer	Mr Alan Charlton	0428 272 564
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Paul Sydney-Smith	(08) 9724 0000
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Dean Jolly	(08) 9724 0000
Shire of Dardanup	Mr Dallas Brennan	(08) 9724 0000

## Register your mobile for SMS Messages

The Shire of Dardanup has implemented a SMS Notification Service for Total Fire Ban and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, as well as information relating to restricted/prohibited burning periods. When a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is called, all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone. This service is free. To subscribe please email your details to [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au) or phone Ranger Services on (08) 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 enquires, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Dardanup during normal business hours on (08) 9724 0307.*



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