

Shire of Dardanup

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 **Restricted Burning Period**.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

If you do not fully understand this notice, please contact Emergency & Ranger Services during office hours on 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer to discuss.

PERSONS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDER MAY BE ISSUED WITH AN INFRINGEMENT NOTICE PENALTY (\$250.00) 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 Burning Permits Required

1 November to 13 December
annually

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD No Fires Permitted

14 December to 15 March
annually
(subject to extension)

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD Burning Permits Required

16 March to 26 April
annually
(subject to extension)

RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, DEVELOPMENT, RESTRICTED USE, MIXED BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ZONES*

- All flammable material/vegetation (except living trees) **MUST** be slashed or grazed to a height that does not exceed 50 millimetres and flammable material **MUST** be removed.

SMALL HOLDINGS ZONE*

- BARE EARTH firebreaks of 2 metres width and 4 metres in height must be maintained within and adjacent to the lot boundary and surrounding all haystacks.
- Fire hazards on properties must be slashed to a height of no more than 50 millimetres and flammable material **MUST** be removed from the property. Where slashing is not possible, material/vegetation must be burnt back or sprayed with suitable herbicide to prevent growth until the end of the restricted period.
- Burn piles are approved under the following conditions:
 - a burn pile is to be no closer than 10 metres to any structure; and
 - a 2 metre wide and 4m in height firebreak is to be placed around the perimeter of any burn pile.
- All wood piles during the restricted and prohibited burning period are to be stored securely away from the building.

GENERAL FARMING, RESTRICTED USE AND TOURIST ZONES*

- Irrigated land is defined as land that is watered, kept fully watered and is maintained in a non-flammable state for the whole of the restricted and prohibited burning periods.
- Non Irrigated lots** – BARE EARTH firebreaks of 2 metres width and 4 metres in height must be maintained within and adjacent to the lot boundary where it adjoins a road and/or rail reserve.
- Irrigated lots** – firebreaks are **NOT** required on that lot of land where the lot is being **actively and regularly irrigated throughout the restricted and prohibited burning periods**.
- Irrigation channels that are situated **WITHIN** and adjacent to a lot boundary will be accepted as a firebreak provided the irrigation channel is utilised in that channel throughout the **restricted and prohibited burning periods**.
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PLANTATIONS

- BARE EARTH firebreaks of 15 metres width and 4 metres in height must be maintained within and adjacent to the perimeter of plantations with 6-10 metres wide internal firebreaks between compartments.
- Where power lines pass through plantation areas, firebreaks must be in accordance with Western Power specifications.

WHERE AND HOW TO OBTAIN BURNING PERMITS

Applications for burning permits are available from your local Bush Fire Control Officer at no cost.

Garden Refuse Urban Areas (town sites):

No garden refuse is permitted to be burnt on the ground, in the open air or in outdoor incinerator within the urban areas of Dardanup, Eaton and Burekup town sites at any time of the year unless a permit to burn has first been obtained from a Fire Control Officer for special circumstances such as a large block that needs hazard reduction.

All Other Areas in Shire of Dardanup:

Pursuant to section 24G(2) and section 25(1a) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the burning of garden refuse and camp and cooking fires is prohibited in all areas within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Prohibited Burning Period**. Furthermore, pursuant to section 24G(2) the burning of garden refuse and camp and cooking fires are prohibited within the Shire of Dardanup during the **Restricted Burning Period** unless a permit to burn has first been obtained from a Fire Control Officer.

The local Bush Fire Control Officer will note the relevant conditions you must comply with on your burning permit.

You are advised that Burning Permits are automatically invalidated on days of "very high" "severe", "extreme" or "catastrophic" fire danger.

FIREBREAK VARIATIONS/EXEMPTIONS

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks or remove flammable materials from any land as required by this Order, you should make written application to the Shire of Dardanup no later than 30 September each year and include a plan of your land detailing your fire prevention measures to abate fire hazards on the land. The prescribed Firebreak Variation/Exemption Forms are available from the Shire of Dardanup offices. If your request for a variation/exemption is not granted, you must comply with the requirements of this Order.

For further information please call the Shire of Dardanup 9724 0000 or your local Fire Control Officer.

For all fire emergencies, please dial "000"

*Zones defined by the Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme No.3.