

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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To report suspicious persons or deliberate fire
lighting call Crime Stoppers on

1800 333 000

www.crimestopperswa.com.au

PERMITS AND PENALTIES

Permit Issuing Officers

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Permits to Burn

To obtain a Permit, please contact a Permit Issuing Officer, or if unavailable, the Shire's Chief Executive Officer. Notice shall be no less than four days prior to the proposed burn and no more than 28 days.

To request a permit you will be required to advise:

- the size of your burn
- what you are burning
- the address/location of the burn
- the name and contact number of the Permit holder
- actions proposed to mitigate the risk of the fire spreading

You must notify any adjoining landowners 24 hours in advance of your intention to burn.

Permit holders must comply with any conditions outlined on the Permit and should note that the approval is subject to revocation or suspension where the fire, if lit, may be considered a risk to safety.

Burning Without a Permit

You can burn small piles during a restricted burning period without a permit providing you follow the below conditions (as per s.24F of the Bush Fires Act 1954)

- Only garden refuse piles that do not exceed 1m³ in size can be burnt.
- The pile can only be lit between the hours of 6pm and 11pm. The pile must be fully extinguished by midnight.
- There is no flammable material within 5 metres of the fire while it is burning.
- At least one person is in attendance of the fire at all times.
- Ensure the fire is completely extinguished by the application of water.

NO FIRES CAN BE LIT ON DAYS WHERE THE FIRE DANGER RATING IS HIGH OR ABOVE AND/OR A TOTAL FIRE BAN HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR THE AREA.

SHIRE
OF MINGENEW

Fire Break Notice

Section 33 B F A

Prohibited Burning Period
1st November to 31st January

STRICTLY NO BURNING

Restricted Burning Period

1st October to 31st October
1st February to 15th March

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

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EMERGENCY

FIRST AND FINAL notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers

Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in fines up to \$5,000.

HARVESTING OPERATIONS

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. A separate fire fighting fire appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm fire fighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB) may be declared under r.24C when a TFB has been declared and the Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO) is satisfied the use or operation of engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery operated by an internal combustion engine being operated off-road road is likely to cause or contribute to the spread of a bush fire.

A HVMB may also be issued under r.38A during the restricted and prohibited burning times where no TFB has been declared and there is a risk that the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery may cause a bushfire or be conducive to the spread of a bushfire.

TOTAL FIRE BANS

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) may be declared on days of extreme weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources.

When a TFB is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires or carrying out an activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire (in the open air).

There are a number of prescribed activities under the Bush Fires Regulations 1954 which are conditionally allowed during a TFB that apply to industry, business, agriculture and public authorities (not individuals). A notification to DFES and the local government is required during a TFB, before any activity commences.

Agricultural activities can continue during a TFB in relation to off-road activity i.e. harvesting, clearing land, driving vehicles over paddocks. However once a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB) is issued, off-road activity is prohibited for the specified period of the notice.

When a TFB is declared the Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO) must impose a ban under r.24C when the Fire Behaviour Index (FBI) is or exceeds 40.

TOTAL FIRE BAN INFORMATION LINE 1800 709 355
www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

If a ban has been imposed, all persons registered will be sent a text message advising of details. All bans will also be broadcast on local ABC radio. Notifications are also often made available on the Shire's Facebook page and the website.

BURNING ON SUNDAYS

Burning on a Sunday is allowed once the fire season has been declared **OPEN**

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Mingenew that fire-breaks must be installed on or by 1st October and maintained of flammable material up to and including 15th March as per requirements in relation to Section 33 of the above.

Properties may be inspected to ensure they comply with Council's requirements.

TOWNSITES

On or before 1st October, all town lots within the townships of Mingenew and Yandanooka are required to be treated as follows:

a. Where the area of land is less than 3,000m², remove all flammable material from the whole of the land.

b. Where the area of the land is 3,000m² or more, a fire-break must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied. All flammable material must be cleared for a distance of 2.7m from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until the 15th March.

FUEL PUMPS (FUEL DEPOTS)

On or before the 1st October, all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such places where drum ramps are located and where drums, empty or full, are stored. Such areas are to be maintained clear of grass and similar flammable material until 15th March.

RURAL LAND

Firebreaks must be provided not less than 2.5 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied. Where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries.

Please note: Firebreaks are not permitted within the road reserve, outside of landowner boundaries.



UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS

All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor, whether the motor is intended to be used or not.

FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC

MOTORS AND HAY STACKS

Firebreaks must be provided at least 2.7 metres in width completely surrounding and not more than 20 metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks. All flammable material must be removed from an area 2.7 metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site.

BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time. Solid fuel barbecues and incinerators are *PROHIBITED* on days of *EXTREME* or *CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER*.

PENALTY

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or Occupier by the date required by this notice.