

2017/18 Bush Fire Order

RURAL

As a landowner/occupier you are required under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out fire prevention work on your property in accordance with the provisions of this order. **Please read this notice carefully.** If there are any points that you do not fully understand, please contact the Community Rangers during office hours on 9727 0222 to discuss. **Failure to comply with this notice will result in an on the spot fine of \$250 and may also result in a \$5,000 penalty.**

REGULATED BURNING TIMES

Restricted Burning Period—Permit Required

2 November to 14 December inclusive*

Prohibited Burning Period

15 December to 14 March inclusive*

Restricted Burning Period—Permit Required

15 March to 26 April inclusive*

***Weather conditions may result in these dates being changed.** Your local Fire Control Officer or the Shire Office will be able to assist you with details of any changes.

To obtain a permit to conduct a burn during the Restricted Burning Period please contact your local Fire Control Officer. Further information about obtaining a permit can be found on our website.



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Minimum Fire Hazard Removal Requirements

(All work must be completed by 30 November 2017 and maintained until 26 April 2018)

- Clean out gutters to remove leaf litter and other debris;
- All wood piles to be stored securely and covered away from the building (in a shed/wood store is recommended);
- A 2 metre firebreak (ground cleared to raw mineral state) is required right around all buildings and haystacks on the property at no less than 20 metres from them; **OR**
A 'Low Fuel Zone' must be maintained for a distance of 20 metres around all buildings on the property.
- A 2 metre firebreak (ground cleared to raw mineral state must be installed along any land that abuts a road reserve (regardless of whether a road has been installed or not). All remaining boundary firebreaks are at the discretion of the landowner, however it is recommended they be installed along all property boundaries.

All properties will be inspected each year to ensure all required work has been completed and is being maintained. Inspections commence December 1.

'LOW FUEL ZONE': an area where all dead trees, dead shrubs, leaf litter and trash has been removed, and all living trees have had any dead branches removed to a height of 1.5 metres. Established and well maintained grassed and garden areas are considered to be low fuel zones.

For information on how to apply for a Firebreak Variation please see our website www.capel.wa.gov.au, or contact the Community Rangers during business hours on 9727 0222.

ROAD VERGES: Due to the high costs involved, the Shire is not able to maintain all road verges within it's boundaries. Where possible we undertake minimal slashing and some spraying in both Rural and Special Rural areas to minimize hazards, however it cannot be guaranteed that this action will sufficiently reduce all fire risks. As such we actively encourage you to maintain road verges that adjoin your property to the same standard as you maintain your own land. Please note however, that with the exception of grasses and weeds, no verge clearing is to be conducted without permission from the Shire of Capel.

NEED ADVICE?

Further advice on how to protect your property is available on our website www.capel.wa.gov.au or by calling the Shire Office during office hours on 9727 0222 and speak to the Community Rangers.

BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE: Prohibited at all times during the Prohibited Burning Period, also during the Restricted Burning Period unless a permit is obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. This does not apply to garden refuse burnt in an approved incinerator as per the Bush Fires Act 1954.

CAMPING & PICNIC GROUNDS: If gas barbeque facilities are provided on site by the Shire of Capel then they are able to be used all year round. No other barbeques or fires are permitted.

All fires are to be reported to emergency services by calling:

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Any complaints/enquiries regarding illegal fires should be reported to the Community Rangers using the telephone numbers at the back of this notice.

'RAW MINERAL STATE': means a maintained strip of bare earth where all vegetation and other flammable materials have been removed.

