

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.

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.

#### **VARIATIONS:**

Should you wish to apply for a variation to the requirements for your property, you must do so using the Bush Fire Order Variation Form, located on the Shire of Capel Website—this application must be reviewed and countersigned by your local area Fire Control Officer before it is submitted to the Shire for approval. All applications must be submitted **PRIOR** to the 31st October 2018. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

#### **LOW FUEL ZONE:**

Is 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. Established and well maintained grassed and garden areas are considered to be low fuel zones.

#### **FIREBREAK:**

Means a maintained strip of land where all flammable materials have been removed.

#### **ROAD VERGES:**

Due to the high costs involved, it is not possible for the Shire to maintain all road verges within it's boundaries. Where possible we undertake slashing/spraying in Rural and Special Rural areas to minimize hazards. As such we actively encourage you to maintain road verges that adjoin your property to the same standard as your own land. Please note however, that with the exception of grasses/weeds, no verge clearing is to be conducted without permission from the Shire.

#### **BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE:**

Is prohibited at all times during the Prohibited Burning Period, as well as during the Restricted Burning Period unless a Permit to Burn 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:**

Outside of Shire provided gas barbecues, no other barbecues or fires are permitted at these grounds.

#### **FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS**

##### Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Chris Scott T: 0408 921 356

##### Deputy Bushfire Control Officer

Murray Scott T: 0407 270 023

##### Community Rangers/Shire Bushfire Control Officers

T: (08) 9727 0222 / 0407 953 959

AREA	FCO	TELEPHONE
Boyanup (Nth)	Trevor Brockman	0407 080 925
Boyanup (Sth)	Brian Smith	0427 387 412
Capel	Peter Dunlop	0428 122 676
Capel River	Neale Scott	0428 121 222
Elgin (Nth)	Chris Scott	0408 921 356
Elgin (Sth)	Barry Bell	0427 966 126
Gelorup	Graham Briggs	0418 931 824
Gelorup	Jeff McDougall	0427 959 380
Stratham	Murray Scott	0407 270 023
Stirling/ Peppermint Grove Beach	Mark Roberts	0412 446 516

Further advice on how to protect your property is available on our website, or by calling the Shire Office during office hours on (08) 9727 0222 and speaking to the Community Rangers.

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**CAPEL**

## **2018/19 Bushfire Prevention Order**



**Don't Wait Until It's**



**Too Late**

**All fires are to be reported to Emergency Services by calling 000**

All properties will be inspected each year to ensure all required work has been completed and is being maintained. Inspections commence December 1st. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand the requirements for your property type PRIOR to December 1st, if unsure call the Community Rangers on (08) 9727 0222.

If your property is zoned as **Residential/Commercial/Industrial, and has a block size of less than 2024m<sup>2</sup> (or half an acre)** then you are required to undertake the following prevention works on your property by the 30th November 2018 and maintain them right through to 26 April 2019 (inclusive).

- Clean out all gutters on all buildings/structures to remove leaf litter and other debris;
- All grass to be kept cut to a maximum height of 10cm (**this includes vacant blocks of land**);
- All wood piles to be stored securely and covered away from the main building (in a shed/wood store is ideal);
- All dead branches are to be pruned from living trees and shrubs—any dead trees/shrubs are to be removed.

If your property is zoned as **Large Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Special Rural, and has a block size greater than 2024m<sup>2</sup> (or half an acre)** then you are required to undertake the following prevention works on your property prior to 1 December 2018 and maintain them right through to 26 April 2019 (inclusive).

- Clean out all gutters on all buildings/structures to remove leaf litter and other debris;
- All grass to be kept cut to a maximum height of 10cm (**this includes vacant blocks of land**). Where mowing/slashing is not possible, grass must be burnt back or sprayed with a suitable herbicide to prevent growth during summer months;
- All wood piles to be stored securely and covered away from the main building (in a shed/wood store is ideal);
- A 'Low Fuel Zone' (see definition on back page) must be maintained for a distance of 20 metres around all buildings on the property;
- A 3 metre wide firebreak (see definition on back page) is required inside all external boundaries of the property;
- All trees along the firebreak must be pruned to a minimum vertical clearance height of 4 metres.

If your property is zoned as **Rural** then you are required to undertake the following prevention works on your property prior to 1 December 2018 and maintain them right through to 26 April 2019 (inclusive).

- Clean out all gutters on all buildings/structures to remove leaf litter and other debris;
- All wood piles to be stored securely and covered away from the main building (in a shed/wood store is ideal);
- A 2 metre wide firebreak, (see definition on back page) must be installed around all buildings and haystacks on the property at a distance of no less than 20 metres from them; OR A 'Low Fuel Zone' (see definition on back page) must be maintained for a distance of 20 metres around all buildings and haystacks;
- A 2 metre wide firebreak, (see definition on back page) 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 highly recommended that they be installed and maintained along all property boundaries.



The requirements set out in the Bushfire Prevention Order are the MINIMUM requirements for each property—it is strongly encouraged that you take as many preventative measures as possible to reasonably protect your property from the threat of bushfire.

## REGULATED BURNING TIMES

Restricted Burning Period—Permit to Burn required

2nd November—14th December (inclusive)

PROHIBITED Burning Period

15th December—14th March (inclusive)

Restricted Burning Period—Permit to Burn required

15th March—26th April (inclusive)

**WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN THESE DATES BEING CHANGED.** Any extension of these dates will be advertised in the South Western Times newspaper, as well as on the Shire of Capel website and Facebook pages.

## PERMIT TO BURN

To obtain a Permit to Burn during the Restricted Burning Period you need to contact your local area Fire Control Officer (see reverse of this brochure). Once issued, you are required to advise the Shire of Capel of the following details either by telephone/email PRIOR to commencing your burn;

- Permit Number;
- Property address where burn will be conducted;
- Dates/Times approved for burning;
- Contact name and telephone number of permit holder;
- Type of burning being conducted (i.e. pasture burn, burning garden refuse);
- Any additional conditions set out on the permit by the Fire Control Officer.

