



Bush Fire Prevention Order

2020/21

Regulated Burn Times

Restricted Burning Period (Permit Required)

02 November 2020 - 14 December 2020

Prohibited Burning Period

15 December 2020 - 14 March 2021

Restricted Burning Period (Permit Required)

15 March 2021 - 26 April 2021

Dates may change depending on weather conditions. Any date changes will be displayed on the Shire's website and in the South Western Times.

Getting a permit

To obtain a permit, contact your local Fire Control Officer 48 hours before burning.

The officer will need to inspect your property before a permit can be issued.

Barbecues and outdoor fires

During the Prohibited Burning Period:

- Wood/solid fuel barbecues are permitted except when the fire danger is Very High or above.
- All other outdoor cooking and campfires (including fire pits) are prohibited during the entire prohibited burning period and during the restricted burning period, when the fire danger is Very High or above.

Wood/solid fuel barbecues or cookers are defined as constructed pizza ovens, kettle style barbecues, wood stoves and ovens.

Compliance period

1 December 2020 to 26 April 2021.

All properties are inspected yearly to ensure required works are completed. Inspections begin **01 December 2020.**

You are responsible for complying with the fire requirements on your property before this date.

Please contact the Shire of Capel on **(08) 9727 0222** or **info@capel.wa.gov.au** if you have questions.

Variations to the order

If you want to carry out alternative measures to protect your property, you must apply for a Bush Fire Order Variation on the Shire of Capel's website, www.capel.wa.gov.au.

This form must be submitted to the Shire of Capel for approval prior to **31 October 2020.**

Late applications will not be accepted.

Bush Fire Prevention Compliance

Under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the land owner/occupant is required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

Failure to comply with this notice may result in a \$250 on the spot fine and may result in a \$5,000 penalty.

Below are the minimum property requirements under the Bush Fire Prevention Order

All properties must:

- Clean gutters, remove leaf litter and debris from all buildings.
- Ensure all wood piles are covered and located away from the main building i.e. shed or wood store.
- Maintain green shrubs to prevent soil erosion.

If your property is:

Zoned as Residential/Commercial/Industrial with block size less than 2,024m² you must:

- Ensure grass is no higher than 10cm. If mowing/slashing is not possible, you must burn/spray grass with herbicide to prevent growth. Permits may be required.
- Prune and remove all dead branches from trees and shrubs.

Zoned as Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Special Rural with block size larger than 2,024m² you must:

- Ensure grass is no higher than 10cm. If mowing/slashing is not possible, you must burn/spray grass with herbicide to prevent growth. Permits may be required.
- Maintain a 20-metre low fuel zone around all buildings.
- Maintain a three (3) metre wide firebreak (as close as practical) on all external boundaries.
- Prune all trees along firebreaks to a minimum vertical clearance height of four (4) metres.

Your block can be managed as a low fuel zone if it is under 4,048m².

Zoned as Rural, you must:

- Maintain a twenty (20) metre wide low fuel zone around all buildings and haystacks, or a two (2) metre wide firebreak at a distance of not less than 20 metres away.
- Maintain a two (2) metre wide firebreak on any land adjacent to a road reserve.

It is highly recommended you install firebreaks along all boundaries.

Road Verges

Landowners are encouraged to maintain road verges. You can clear weeds and grass from verges. All other clearing requires the Shire's approval.

Burning Garden Refuse

Burning garden refuse is prohibited during the Restricted Burning Period without a permit.

Camping/Barbecue Areas

Only Shire provided barbecues are allowed in these areas. Gas barbecues are permitted during the Prohibited Burning Period.

Fire Control Officers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Chris Scott | 0408 921 356

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Murray Scott | 0407 270 023

Local Bush Fire Control Officers

Boyanup North

Trevor Brockman | 0407 080 925

Boyanup South

Brian Smith | 0427 387 412

Capel Town

Peter Dunlop | 0428 122 676

Capel Rural

Neale Scott | 0428 121 222

Dalyellup & Gelorup

Jeff McDougall | 0427 959 380

Neil Rowlandson | 0427 056 888

Elgin North

Chris Scott | 0408 921 356

Elgin South

Barry Bell | 0427 966 126

Stratham

Murray Scott | 0407 270 023

Stirling & Peppermint Grove Beach

Mark Roberts | 0412 446 516

Call DFES on 1800 198 140 to register your burn.

Glossary

Low fuel zone

An area where there are no dead trees/shrubs, leaf litter, stored timber, rubbish or other flammable material.

Firebreak

A maintained strip of land with no flammable materials.

Contractors

Visit www.capel.wa.gov.au/fire for a list of firebreak contractors.