

Fuel Reduction and Firebreak Requirements

Land Area less than 1 hectare (2.47 acres)

All hazardous material is to be removed from the whole of the land except living trees, shrubs and plants. The remaining vegetation is to be maintained to a height of no greater than 7.5cm. Fuel loadings in natural bush areas are to be maintained at less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.



Land Area greater than 1 hectare to 5 hectares

All hazardous material is to be removed from the whole of the land except living trees, shrubs and plants. The remaining vegetation is to be maintained to a height of no greater than 7.5cm. Maintain fuel loadings in natural bush areas at less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.

OR

Install a 2.4 metre wide *bare earth* firebreak as reasonably practical to the external boundaries of the property.

Land Area greater than 5 hectares

The Shire of Cunderdin recommends the installation of *bare earth* firebreaks where possible; however; this is not mandatory. It is also recommended that all fuels around your dwelling or sheds are cleared to help protect you and your family.

Definitions

Hazardous Materials - Relates to any matter or material that can catch alight. This includes garden waste, rubbish and unslashed/mowed long grass.



Bare Earth – Relates to the removal of all hazardous material as well as live vegetation in the area prescribed.

Natural Bush Areas – A natural bush area is an area on the property that has not been cleared and is not maintained as part of the property or dwelling. Natural bush areas are generally part of a larger property and are used for windbreaks or recreation.



Alternative Arrangements

If it is considered impracticable for any reason whatsoever to implement any of the requirements of this Notice you may apply in writing to the Shire of Cunderdin by no later than the 30th September each year for permission to implement alternative measures. If permission is not granted, you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

Non Compliance

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$5000 or a prescribed penalty of \$250 on service of an infringement. Furthermore the person at fault is liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this Notice.

Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year.

The single biggest killer is indecision.

To survive a bushfire, you must be prepared to make your own decisions.

If you live in the Wheatbelt bushfire is a real threat to you and your family.

Taking five minutes to have a Fire Chat with your household and answering 3 simple questions could save your life.

**WHEN will you leave? WHERE will you go?
WHICH way will you go?**

Harvest Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans

All persons within the Shire are required to comply with these bans under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

A Harvest Vehicle Movement Ban requires the cessation of all harvesting operations within the Shire of Cunderdin.

A Vehicle Movement ban does not permit the movement of vehicles on properties except for the essential watering of stock in a diesel powered vehicle.

A Hot Works ban is defined as a ban on the outdoor use of all welding, grinding and abrasive tools on properties within the Shire.

A Harvest Vehicle Movement and Hot works Ban will be advertised on the Shire of Cunderdin website and Facebook. Text messages are also sent via the Shire of Cunderdin SMS service.

***Please note the Shire of Cunderdin
implements a Harvest Vehicle
Movement and Hot Works Ban on:***

**Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Year's Day**

Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods

Open Burning Period **No Permits**
30th March – 18th September **Required**

Restricted Burning Period **Permits**
19th September – 31st October **Required**

Restricted Burning Period **Burning**
1st November – 14th February **Prohibited**

Restricted Burning Period **Permits**
15th February – 29th March **Required**

The above dates may change due to seasonal fire conditions in which case the details of the changes will be published in the local press and on council's website.

Permits are available from the Shire Office or on the Shire Website.

Please book an appointment with the Shire Office to ensure permits are able to be signed.

Shire of Cunderdin Fire Break Order 2018/2019



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&
15th February to 29th March
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**For all Emergencies
call 000**