



Firebreak Order 2013/2014

Prohibited Burning Period
1st November to 28th February
STRICTLY NO BURNING!

Restricted Burning Period
19th September to 31st October
and 1st March to 1st April
PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!



*Further warnings will **NOT**
be issued. This is your **first**
and **only** notice.*

First and Final Notice



Bush Fires Act, 1954 (as amended)

Notice to all owners and/or occupiers of land in the Shire of Dandaragan

Notice is hereby given to landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Dandaragan that fire-breaks must be installed by **1st November 2013** and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including **30th April 2014** as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

No burning is permitted in Fire Weather Zones - South West or North West (West of Brand Hwy) over the EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD

(Good Friday and the 3 days immediately following Good Friday).

***No open fires are permitted between
1st November - 31st March***
(including for the purpose of cooking and camping).



***The Shire of
Dandaragan is to
be notified
of all burning.***

Prescribed Burning



Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods

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(Good Friday and the 3 days immediately following Good Friday).

Restricted Burning - (Permit Required) for the following dates:
period 19th September to 31st October and 1st March to 1st April - **Permits are required.**

Prohibited - (No Burning) dates are:
Prohibited burning period 1st November to 28th February - **Strictly No Burning.**

2013				2014							
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

 Permit required

 No Burning

A permit to burn must be obtained from your LOCAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICER during the restricted burning period. Permits are generally subject to a number of conditions but will NOT be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays, unless approved by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Prior to any burning you are required to notify your neighbours, Local Fire Control Officer and the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800. If the burn is to be carried out on any land that is joining or adjacent to land that is managed or controlled by the Department of Environment and Conservation, the DEC office is to be notified by telephoning 9652 1911.

Besides being responsible for the safety of your own property, if a fire escapes from your property, you may be liable to pay compensation for any damage caused outside of your property - this could be very costly.

Fire Weather Zone Map



[www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/Publications/fireweatherzones)
/Publications/fireweatherzones

Fire Control Officers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Richard Allen 9651 4156 Home 0448 038 486 Mobile

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

Aubrey Panizza 9652 4030 (Hill River)
Peter Ivey 0418 910 244 (Cervantes)
Hugh Roberts 9651 2030 (Dandaragan)

Community Emergency Services Coordinator

24/7 0428 114 221

Senior Ranger

24/7 0408 911 272

Dandaragan

R. Allen	9651 4156	R. Brown.....	9651 3028
B. McConnell.....	9651 2032	M. Campbell	9655 0011
G. Creagh	9651 4137	J. Glasfurd.....	9651 3036
R. Glasfurd.....	9651 2016	R. Hamilton	9652 8055
H. Roberts	9651 2030	A. Roberts.....	9651 4154
M. Leeds	0419912390	C. Vanzetti.....	9652 4174
R. Wedge	9651 2036		

Badgingarra

J. Auld.....	9652 3014	G. Peacock.....	9952 5030
J. Barnes.....	0429 203 936	A. Kenny.....	9652 9110
D. Wilson.....	9652 9009	B. Cook.....	9652 9012
C. McAlpine.....	9652 3026		

Hill River

D. Park	9652 4035	A. Panizza	9652 4030
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Jurien Bay

P. Mc Indoe	9652 1238	CESC.....	0428 114 221
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Cervantes

S. Turbett.....	0418 965 273	P. Ivey	0418 910 244
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Fire Break Standards



Properties 20 hectares (50 acres) or larger

1. Clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3m, as close as practical, inside the external boundaries of the property.
2. Fire-breaks must be maintained to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum 4m so as to allow adequate access for fire appliances subject to the satisfaction of the Council's appointed officers.
3. Construct a 5m mineral earth firebreak immediately surrounding all fuel and chemical storage areas.
4. Clear inflammable material within 20m of all dwellings to construct a 20m circle of safety. This can be maintained through domestic grass, mulch or slashed native grasses.
5. Areas cleared and piled for burning require a 20m mineral earth firebreak.

NON - COMPLIANT



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Harvesting Operations



There are a number of conditions that harvesting operators need to comply with, they are as follows:

1. No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. An Approved Fire Fighting Appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested whilst Crop Harvesting, Straw Raking and Bailing operations are being carried out during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum of 400 litres of water on board.
2. A ban on harvesting and the movement of vehicles (except for the watering or movement of stock) is likely to be imposed when the predicted weather conditions are classified by the Bureau of Meteorology as VERY HIGH or ABOVE, or when local conditions warrant bans to be applied. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

HARVESTING



It is recommended that fire fighting units be equipped with UHF radio and appropriate personnel protective clothing.

Harvesting Operations



3. It is MANDATORY for all operators of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Dandaragan Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban SMS Notification service. This service is provided FREE to any person wishing to be registered. Council has implemented a system of being able to advise farmers/businesses of the imposing of harvest and movement of vehicle bans via a mobile phone.

If a ban has been imposed, all persons **registered** will be sent a text message advising of details. All bans will still be broadcast on radio as per previous years.

Radio is still the primary means of notifying farmers of bans. As mobile phone coverage can drop out, text messages should not be relied upon to be received in a timely manner. If a person wishes to register their mobile phone number with the Shire for this service, a nomination form is available via the Shire of Dandaragan website: www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/publications/smsnotification.

Once you have completed the form please return the tear off slip to the Community Emergency Services Coordinator at the Jurien Bay Shire Administration Centre, or fax the details to 9652 1310 with your name and mobile phone number. By submitting your details you are agreeing to participate in this scheme.

The form must be signed.

HARVESTING



All other Non Urban Land



(Rural residential, rural development)
Properties 2,023m² (half an acre)
to 20 hectares (50 acres)

This category relates to nearly all lots in all industrial estates and the subdivisions of **Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields, Koorinal Vale and Hill River.**

1. Clear a 3m wide mineral earth firebreak (clear of all inflammable material) with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of any obstructions (no hanging tree limbs or objects) immediately inside or as close as practical inside all external boundaries of the land to allow for the unobstructed movement of Fire Appliances.
2. On heavily vegetated or grassed blocks, implement supplementary fuel reduction for a **FURTHER 5m** inside the firebreak. Subject to the satisfaction of Council's authorised officers.
3. Clear all inflammable material within 20m of all buildings to construct a 20m circle of safety. This can be maintained through domestic grass, mulch or slashed native grasses.



Urban Land (All town sites)



Land 2,023m² (half an acre) or less

Clear land of ALL INFLAMMABLE material ie. debris, dry grass, dry bush etc, subject to the satisfaction of Council's authorised officers.

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COMPLIANT FIREBREAK



Land larger than 2,023m² (half an acre)

Clear a 2.5m wide firebreak of all inflammable material, immediately inside the external boundaries of the land, to the satisfaction of Council's authorised officers.

Plantations



Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares

Construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high; clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural areas).

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection. A copy is available from the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre upon request.



Alternative Alignments and Variations to Firebreak Notices



If it is impractical to have a firebreak immediately inside a boundary, for environmental or any other reason(s), you are required to apply to the Shire of Dandaragan in writing, before **1st October** to obtain permission for firebreaks to be installed in an alternative position or for alternative measures to be put in place. Once approval is granted, there is no need to re-apply each year, unless circumstances change or a duly appointed officer feels that the conditions of the Firebreak Variation notice are not being met.

Harvest/movement of vehicles, hot works and use of combustion engine bans

A ban on harvesting and the movement of vehicles (except for the watering or movement of stock) is likely to be imposed when the predicted weather conditions are classified by the Bureau of Meteorology as VERY HIGH or ABOVE, or when local conditions warrants bans to be applied.

All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

Additional responsibilities and penalties

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this Order may be fined up to \$1,000. In addition, Council can arrange for the required work to be carried out at the cost of the owner/occupier.

Gas or electric barbecues ONLY, are permitted during prohibited burning times. Public infrastructure must not be placed in a manner that results in an above ground encroachment into the firebreak area.

Trees and bushes must not be planted in a manner that results in vegetation encroaching into the firebreak area.

Local Contractors



Cervantes Earthworks

Phone 0427 632 471 or 9652 7018 - Cervantes

Cookies Coastal Earthworks

Phone 0418 903 925 or 0408 433 888 - Alta Mare

Direct Contracting

Phone 0438 566 579 or 0418 934 287 - Entire Shire

Jurien Bay Firebreaks & Watercarting

Phone 0428 653 058 or 0428 653 002 - Entire Shire

Jurien Bay Kart Club

Phone 0409 295 219 - Jurien Bay

Jurien Trenching & Excavations

Phone 0429 681 011 - Jurien Bay and surrounding areas

S&V Mowing

Phone 0417 096 757 or 9652 1435 - Cervantes and Jurien Bay townsite

Fire prevention SAVES LIVES and reduces damage to property, livestock and crops. Reducing fire hazards is the responsibility of each and every one of us. It is not difficult, but to be effective, everyone has to help.

Following the simple regulations in this brochure you will help to protect your family, property and the community from the devastation of fire. You'll also go a long way towards saving several hundred thousand dollars in fire fighting costs.

Infringement Penalties



Failure to produce a permit to burn	\$100.00
Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	\$250.00
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open	\$250.00
Failure of occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250.00

Unlawful Lighting of Fires

Section 32 of the Bush Fires Act

Offences of lighting or attempting to light a fire likely to injure

Penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.

EXTINGUISH ARSON

up to **\$50,000**

REWARD

For information leading to the conviction of a person for arson in the State of Western Australia

PHONE CRIMESTOPPERS ON:

1800 333 000

Definitions



Inflammable Material

All combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation, clusters or aggregation with other combustible materials that, in the opinion of a Shire of Dandaragan Fire Control Officer is likely to fuel a fire.

It includes, but is not limited to:

- dead leaves, either on the ground or in gutters, fallen branches, long grass and weeds;
- dry vegetative matter on mineral earth firebreaks; and
- any tree within the Building Protection Zone or branch of a tree that may fall onto a building or, in the opinion of a Shire of Dandaragan Fire Control Officer, constitute a fire risk.

It does not include:

- vegetable patches, tended firewood stacks and timber, landscaped gardens, isolated planted shrubs, established natural or planted trees or patches of vegetation, that in the opinion of a Fire Control Officer, do not constitute an unacceptable fire risk;
- slashed, mowed or mulched dry vegetative material that is less than 75mm in depth; and
- distinct clusters of vegetation remote from boundaries and assets that in the opinion of a Fire Control Officer do not constitute an unacceptable fire risk.

Building Protection Zone

Is a fire protection zone:

- a) in which all flammable material should be totally removed from the zone;
- b) which comprises an area with a minimum clearance distance in all directions from the walls of the buildings or structures of at least 20 metres on flat land, which is to increase in all directions by 10 metres for every 10 degrees increase in slope;

Definitions (continued)



Building Protection Zone (continued)

- c) which accommodates a turning area for a heavy duty fire vehicle; and
- d) which complies with the provisions of a local government adopted Fire Management Plan (FMP) or Local Planning Scheme (LPS) clause with respect to that property and the effect is such that the requirement under the FMP or LPS stipulates a greater area clear of flammable material or low fuel zone that required under part (b).

Mineral Earth

A mineral earth firebreak refers to the area being completely clear of everything but soil (bare earth) - can generally be achieved by ploughing or grading or early spraying that allows sufficient time for decomposition of dead grass/vegetation.

Fire Fighting Vehicle

Means a motor vehicle that:

- a) is capable of carrying at least 400 litres of water; and
- b) is fitted with a pump and at least 15 metres of hose with a minimum diameter of 19mm and capable of delivering water through an adjustable nozzle.

Bush

Includes trees, bushes, plants, stubble, scrub and undergrowth of all kinds of whatsoever whether alive or dead and whether standing or not standing and also a part of a tree, bush, plant or undergrowth.



For All Emergencies
Dial 000



*For more information,
or **any queries** relating to this
guide please contact the
Shire of Dandaragan
on **(08) 9652 0800** or visit
www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au*

