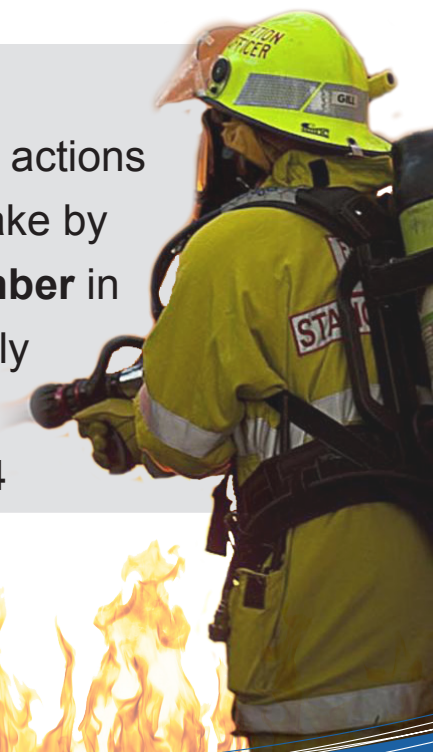


Bush Fire Notice 2011/2012

As a land owner you have a responsibility to manage your property to reduce the risk of fire.

This brochure advises which actions you need to take by the **17 November** in order to comply with the Bush Fires Act 1954



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn is available from City of Mandurah Ranger Services or your local Bush Fire Control Officer.

Fire Control Officers

- Rocco Rossi **95371409**
All areas north of Gordon Road.
- Jeff Smith **0419 048 172**
Central Mandurah
- John Stone **0427 692 023**
(Deputy CFCO) All areas south of Tims Thicket Road
- Jeff Stuart **0408 931 049**
(Chief FCO) All areas south of Peelwood Parade to Tims Thicket Road.

Emergency Numbers Volunteer Fire Brigades

- Emergency Only** **'000'**
- Department of Environment and Conservation - Fire Duty Officer 9405 1222
- Burning near National Park 0419 927 527

City of Mandurah Ranger Services

5 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah
9550 3630

Rangers Available
Monday to Sunday 7.00am - 7.30pm

WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT FOR ALL FIRES INCLUDING INCINERATORS (UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE BUSH FIRES ACT)

How to obtain permits

Burning permits can be obtained from City of Mandurah Ranger Services, 5 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah.

or

Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre, corner Flavia Street and Cobblers Road, Falcon.

Note: Effective April 2011, only those properties zoned rural residential will be able to obtain a permit to burn.

BARBECUES

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time under certain conditions. Check before lighting up.

Solid Fuel barbecues are prohibited on days of very high or extreme fire danger.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING	RESTRICTED PERIOD
PERMIT REQUIRED		PERMIT REQUIRED
1/4/2011 - 30/11/2011	1/12/2011 - 31/3/2012	1/4/2012 - 30/11/2012

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A LAND OWNER IN THE CITY OF MANDURAH

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or owned and occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this Notice, to the satisfaction of Council or its duly authorised officers.

This work must be carried out by **17 November, 2011** or within 14 days of becoming the owner or owner occupier, should this be after that date and kept maintained throughout the summer months until 31 May, 2012.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requisitions of the notice, the Council or its duly authorised officers or contractors will carry out the required work at the cost of the owner or owner occupier.

In addition, you may be required to carry out further works which may be deemed necessary and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address shown on the City of Mandurah rate records for that land.

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this Notice, or if natural features render firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply in writing to the City of Mandurah or its duly authorised officers, not later than 1 November 2011, for alternative positions, or other methods of fire prevention on your land. If permission is not granted, you must comply with the requirements of the Notice.

WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED LAND LESS THAN 2023m²

Where the area of the land is less than 2023m² remove all flammable material on the land except living standing trees, from the whole of the land by either ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, slashing (to a height of 4cm) chemical spraying (followed by slashing down to a height of 4cm) or other approved method by an authorised officer of Council. **A four metre fire break is not acceptable.**

OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED LAND 2023m² AND OVER

When the area of land is 2023m² and over, provide a trafficable mineral earth firebreak at least four metres wide, with a vertical height clearance of 4.2m;

1. Immediately inside all external boundaries of the said land.
2. Immediately surrounding all outbuildings erected on the said land.

**By order of the Council
Mark Newman
Chief Executive Officer**

Bush fire notice

Council forwards a copy of this Firebreak Notice each year to all property owners. The Notice is also published in a local newspaper circulating the district. Additional copies are obtainable at the Ranger's and Council offices. The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally.

All properties are to be fire safe by 17 November, 2011. Rangers will inspect all properties from 18 November, 2011 to ensure they comply with Council's requirements.

Penalties (Bush Fires Act)

If you do not meet your responsibilities as outlined in this brochure, the following penalties may apply:

Failure to maintain four metre fire-breaks or remove flammable material	\$250
Offence relating to lighting fire in open air	\$250
Burning during prohibited burning times	\$250
Failure of occupier to extinguish a fire	\$250
Refusal to state name and address or giving false name and address	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100

Ultimately you could be liable for a maximum penalty of **\$10,000** plus costs.

