



Notice to Owners and Occupiers of Land Fire Control Informtaion 2012/13

Important information relating to your responsibility as a landholder in the Shire of Waroona. With reference to section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This work must be carried out on or before November 17th and kept maintained throughout the summer months until the close of Restricted Burning Period.

An inspection of firebreaks and hazard removal will be carried out in all areas of the Shire by authorised Officers on or after November 17th. Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this order may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted with an increased penalty, and additionally, Council may carry out required work at cost to the owner or occupier.

If it is considered for any reason to be impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this notice or natural features render firebreaks unnecessary you may apply to the council or its duly authorised officer not later than the 1st day of November for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions (strategic breaks) or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by the council or its duly authorised officer, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

Burning is permitted on Sundays and public holidays, at discretion of relevant Fire Control Officers.

A) Rural Land

Firebreaks not less than three (3) metres wide and **four (4) metres vertical** must be provided in the following positions:

- Within 60 metres inside and along the boundaries of all land including that which is uncleared, so as to form a continuous break around the holding.

Note - Firebreaks constructed on road verges do not constitute a legal firebreak.

- Not more than 100 metres and not less than 20 metres from the perimeter of all groups of buildings, haystacks and fuel installations provided on that land.

NOTE 1: 10 round bales constitute a haystack; 5 large oblong bales constitute a haystack; 200 small oblong bales constitute a haystack.

- NOTE 2: Irrigation area - owners or occupiers may be exempt from all or part of the requirements of the above if, in the opinion of the Fire Control Officer responsible for the area in which the land is located, there is no need to construct breaks on the irrigated land or non-irrigated land, not exceeding 20 hectares in area if surrounded by irrigated land.

B) Rural Residential Zone

The owners of all existing small rural holdings zoned "Rural/Residential" under Town Planning Schemes, must maintain clear of all flammable materials, a firebreak not less than three (3) metres wide and **four (4) metres vertical** immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.

The owners of existing and future small rural holdings - Rural/Residential lots within the Zone 4 Irrigation Area must maintain clear of all flammable materials, a fire break not less than

three (3) metres wide immediately inside all external boundaries of the lots. Lots under irrigation within Zone 4 are eligible for exemption upon application. Strategic firebreaks shown on subdivision guidelines shall be maintained by respective owners and gates *may not* be locked during fire season.

C. Urban Land (Residential, Special Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Rural Land with Waroona & Hamel townsites)

In respect of land owned or occupied by you within the above townsites or any area subdivided for other purposes, you shall:

- where that area of land of 2500 square metres or less, you must remove all flammable material on the land except living standard trees, from the whole of the land; and
- where the area of land exceeds 2500 square metres you must provide firebreaks of at least three (3) metres wide immediately inside all areas external boundaries of the land and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land. Where several adjoining lots are held or used by the owner/occupier, the firebreaks may be provided inside, along the external boundaries of the group of lots.

D. Firebreak/Slashing Contractors

All areas:

Brian Eastcott - 0427 445 739

Armstrong Hills, Tuart Grove, Lake Clifton:

Heath Yeomans—0417 172 371

Chris Long - 9739 1276/0414 981 271

Preston Beach Townsite Slashing Contractor:

Brian Eastcott - 0427 445 739

Waroona, Hamel

Waroona Earthworks (Firebreaks Only)

0429 020 112

Burning off of lots is not recommended. Owners, occupiers of lots within Preston Beach townsite are required to reduce fire hazards by means of slashing vegetation.

For a detailed map of the controlled burning areas please phone the Shire Office on 9733 7800 or email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

E. Fuel and/or Gas Depots

In respect of land owned or occupied by you on which is situated any container normally used to contain liquid or gas fuel, including the land on which any ramp or supports are constructed, you shall maintain the land clear of all flammable materials.

F. Fire Protection of Private Hard/Softwood Plantations Definitions and Specifications

Plantations - Any area of planted Pines or Eucalyptus species exceeding 3 hectares.

Windbreaks - Will be defined as planted areas not exceeding 15 metres in depth with an unrestricted length.

Firebreaks - 15 metres Boundary Break. The first row of trees must be at least 15 metres from the outside edge of the break. The outer 10 metres of the firebreak must be cleared of all flammable material on the ground and will have a 10 metres vertical clearance, i.e. with no overhanging branches. The remaining 5 metres must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e. short grass may be considered a low fuel.

Minimum Firebreak Standards - The following firebreak standards will apply for plantations:

Firebreaks constructed 15 metres wide (as per definition) on the boundaries of plantations or on such other location as may be agreed between the Waroona Shire Council and the plantation owner.

Firebreaks clear of all flammable material 6 metres wide should surround compartments of approximately 30 hectares.

All firebreaks must be maintained in trafficable conditions and trees on both sides of breaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres to allow unrestricted access of maintenance and firefighting equipment and so as to maintain an effective width of firebreak. Where power lines pass through plantation areas firebreaks as per Western Power specifications must be provided.

G. Camping & Cooking Fires

(Section 25 Bush Fires Act)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (1a) of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, the lighting of fires in the open air in the district, outside of townsites and away from designated barbecue/picnic areas, within the Shire of Waroona for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited during the prohibited burning times December 15th to March 14th, inclusive.

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

The prohibited times for the Waroona District are:

Zone 4 — IRRIGATION AREA

Dec 22 to Feb 14 (incl.)

Zone 6(a) - COASTAL AREA

Dec 15 to Feb 28 (incl.)

Zone 6(b) - CENTRAL AREA

Dec 15 to Feb 28 (incl.)

Zone 8(a) - DRY SAND AREA

Dec 15 to Mar 14 (incl.)

Zone 8(b) - HILLS AREA

Dec 15 to Mar 14 (incl.)

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Fire permits must be obtained from your relevant Fire Control Officer for burning off during the following periods:

ZONE 4 Nov 9 to Dec 21, Feb 15 to Mar 29

ZONE 6 Nov 2 to Dec 14, Mar 1 to Apr 12

ZONE 8 Nov 2 to Dec 14, Mar 15 to Apr 26

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF BURN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL OFFICE OF TIMES, DATES AND LOCATION NUMBERS.

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Waroona Fire Brigade

John Twaddle (Chief FCO) 0417 974 611

John Look 9733 1261
0416 060 608

Preston Beach Fire Brigade

Brian Beales 9739 2002
(Deputy Chief FCO) 0427 040 680

Lake Clifton Fire Brigade

Gareth Davies 9739 1290
0424 210 034

Waroona West Brigade

Greg Lewis 9739 1639
0409 885 970