

## Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods

The Shire of Exmouth observes a 12 month **RESTRICTED BURNING** period.

This means that any fire over 1 cubic metre will require a permit to set fire to the bush irrespective to the time of the year.

Permits can be obtained by contacting ranger services on 9949 3080 or emailing [cesc@exmouth.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesc@exmouth.wa.gov.au)

Fires over 1 cubic meter are **PROHIBITED** on any day when the Fire Danger Rating reaches Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared regardless of whether you have a permit or not.

The fire danger rating is supplied daily by the Bureau of Meteorology.

[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

### Total Fire Bans

Total Fire bans are declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services during severe and dangerous conditions. The ban includes the use of all solid fuel fires for the purpose of cooking or camping as well as hot works such as welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

More information can be found on the DFES website.

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



If you have any enquiries regarding the Shire of Exmouth mitigation works or bushfire preparedness please contact ranger services.

Phone: 9949 3080 / 0427 491 399

Email: [cesc@exmouth.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesc@exmouth.wa.gov.au)

Phone: 9949 1699 / 0428 518 413

Email: [ranger@exmouth.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@exmouth.wa.gov.au)

For Emergency Information please visit

[www.exmouth.wa.gov.au](http://www.exmouth.wa.gov.au) -

Then click Ranger, Emergency tab

Or visit the Shire offices during normal business hours.

2 Truscott Crescent Exmouth

P.O. Box 21 Exmouth W.A. 6707

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## FIREBREAK NOTICE

**NOTICE TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS IN THE SHIRE OF EXMOUTH**

**Pursuant to section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954**

As a measure to assist in the control of bush fires or prevent the spread or extension of a bush fire, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Exmouth are required before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in each year, or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land if after that date, to clear firebreaks or take measures in accordance with this notice and maintain those firebreaks and measures in accordance with this notice up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the following year.

Such firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods: Ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, raking, burning, chemical spraying or other approved method.

Depending on where your land is located, section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 requires that a land owner or pastoral lease holder undertakes and maintains fire hazard reduction work on their property as follows:

## 1) Land under 2000 square metres

(Refers to all land within the Shire of Exmouth where the land is 2000 square metres or less)

All flammable materials from the whole of the land must be removed with the exemption of living standing trees.

## 2) Land over 2000 square metres

(Refers to all land within the Shire of Exmouth where the land is greater than 2000 square metres not including the Wilderness Estate)

Three (3) metres wide trafficable firebreaks are required to be installed on the land and clear of all flammable material.

Around all buildings, a twenty (20) metre "Parkland cleared less than 50mm" low fuel buffer zone clear of all flammable material is required.

## 3) Wilderness Estate

If a property is located within the Wilderness Estate, firebreaks of not less than 3 metres in width are to be constructed around and within 20 metres of the perimeter of each building, and on such lands so to completely enclose the building envelope with such a firebreak.

## 4) Rubbish sites

(For all rubbish sites for pastoral stations, town sites and community use) Trafficable firebreaks are to be installed no less than three (3) metres wide and within two (2) metres of the perimeter of the rubbish site.

## 5) Fuel dumps and depots

(For all fuel dump or depot within the Shire) Within ten (10) metres of any fuel drums (irrespective whether the drums contain fuel or not) or any ramps, all flammable material must be removed.

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**The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of \$5000 or a modified penalty of \$250 per day. Any person failing to comply with this notice may also be liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of the Shire of Exmouth obtaining contractors to perform any fire hazard reduction works on your property (owner or occupier). (Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954)**

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## Any clearing works

All clearing works must be performed to the satisfaction of a duly authorised Shire of Exmouth Bush Fire Control Officer. The requirements of this Notice are the minimum standard of protection required. The Shire of Exmouth reserves the right to place further conditions upon individual land owners/occupiers as may be necessary to reduce the risk of fire.

If it is considered impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to remove flammable material from the land as required by this notice, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Exmouth Compliance and Emergency Services Coordinator no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for permission to provide firebreaks in an alternative position or take alternative action to abate fire hazards on land.

Any approved application will be valid for one season only and applicants will need to re-apply for subsequent seasons.

**ARE YOU  
BUSHFIRE  
READY?**