

# What do I need to do?

## Preparing for fire is a shared responsibility

The City of Mandurah has a role in setting the requirements for fire preparation on properties within its boundaries. Owners are encouraged to contact Ranger Services to discuss fire management measures in the lead up to fire season or seek further information from the City's website.

## What is required?

According to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land you own.

**Work must be carried out by 17 November 2019 or within 14 days of becoming the owner, and maintained until 31 May 2020.**

## Firebreak variations

If impractical to clear firebreaks or if natural features make firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply to the City by 1 November 2019 for an alternative solution.

## Fire Management Plans

Where an approved Fire Management Plan relates to a property, owners are required to fully comply with the requirements of that plan.

## It can happen to you

**ALL properties within Mandurah** are subject to ember attacks from nearby fires. Preparing your property can help to prevent damage, loss and significant trauma.

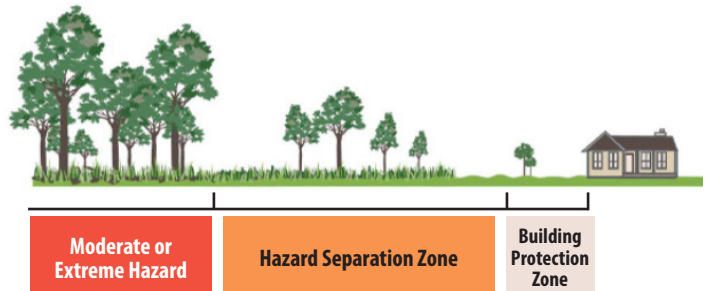
## Who can enter my property?

Under section 14 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* a Bush Fire Control Officer is appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Act and can enter your property to inspect firebreaks and/or anything he considers to be a fire hazard.

**If you do not meet your responsibilities as a property owner, you could be liable for a maximum penalty of \$10,000 plus costs.** The City may access a property and undertake required work at the expense of the owner.

Asset Protection Zones (APZ) Properties zoned rural residential and on all land 4000m<sup>2</sup> and over, south of William Street, Davesville are required to:

- Maintain a minimum 2 metre gap between trees, shrubs and any building or infrastructure
- Ensure that no trees overhang any building or infrastructure.



# Fire Compliance Notice

## Requirements for properties



### Larger Blocks

#### Occupied or Unoccupied Land 4000m<sup>2</sup> and Over

When the area of land is 4000m<sup>2</sup> and over, provide a trafficable mineral earth firebreak of 4 metres wide, with a height clearance of 4.2 metres:

- Inside all external boundaries on the property
- Surrounding all outbuildings erected on the property
- Surrounding haystacks, fuel storage or other flammable materials.

### Smaller Blocks

#### Occupied or Unoccupied Land less than 4000m<sup>2</sup>

- Have the entire property clear of all flammable materials except for living standing trees
- Mowing, slashing, whipper snipping to a height of no more than 4 cm
- Ploughing, cultivating, scarifying or chemical spraying, followed by slashing to 4cm or other approved method by the City.

**NOTE:** A 4 metre firebreak may not be sufficient on properties with dense vegetation. Owners may be required to thin vegetation out to the satisfaction of the City to reduce any significant fire risk.

## Fire Preparedness Timeline

Ongoing maintenance is required throughout the fire season, this is the owners responsibility.

1 April - 30 November 2019:  
Restricted Burning Period - No burning permitted  
on blocks less than 4000m<sup>2</sup>

1 December 2019 - 31 March 2020:  
Prohibited burning period

Permit required for blocks 4000m<sup>2</sup> and over



July - November:  
Undertake fire preparation  
works or engage services of a  
contractor.

October - 17 November:  
Contact the City for property  
pre-inspections.

17 November:  
Must be compliant.  
Inspections commence.

All enquiries to Ranger Services 9550 3777  
Mon-Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm or email  
ranger.admin@mandurah.wa.gov.au.



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