

Fire Compliance Notice



Burning during the prohibited and restricted burning period

This section relates specifically to fuel hazard reduction burns or running burns. Fuel hazard reduction burns or running burns are generally not permitted within the district of Mandurah. Any exemption is based on a full assessment of the hazard by a City authorised Bush Fire Control Officer in consultation with City's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Full demonstration of appropriate risk mitigation planning is required and a Permit to Burn must be issued by an authorised Bushfire Control Officer prior to commencing of any fuel hazard reduction or running burn.

The following sets out the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods as Gazetted by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner.

RESTRICTED PERIOD 1/4/2020 – 30/11/2020
PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED BURNING 1/12/2020 – 31/3/2021

RESTRICTED PERIOD 1/4/2021 – 30/11/2021
PERMIT REQUIRED

Burning garden refuse

In accordance with the requirements of Section 24G of the Bush Fires Act 1954 the City notifies that it prohibits the burning of garden refuse or rubbish at all times within the district of Mandurah with the following exemptions:

Land zoned rural residential under the City of Mandurah Town Planning Scheme No. 3, and on all land 4000m² and greater. A Permit to Burn is required and permits will only be issued between **1 May and 31 October** annually.

NOTE: Only those properties that are 4000m² or greater are able to obtain permits to burn, all other sized properties are unable to have a fire to burn garden waste.

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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 2020 or within 14 days of becoming the owner, and maintained until 31 May 2021.

Who can enter my property?

An appointed Bush Fire Control officer is authorised under Section 14 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to enter your property to inspect firebreaks and/or anything they consider to be a fire hazard.

Firebreak variations

If it is impractical to clear firebreaks or if natural features make firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply to the City by 1 November 2020 for an alternate 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 approved plan.

It can happen to you...

All properties within Mandurah may be subject to ember attacks from nearby fires. Preparing your property can help prevent damage and loss.

If you do not meet your fire prevention responsibilities as a property owner, you could be liable for a **maximum penalty of \$5,000** plus costs. The City may access a property and undertake required work at the expense of the owner.

Property preparation requirements

Larger Blocks



Occupied or unoccupied land 4000m² and over

When the area of land is 4000m² and over, provide a trafficable mineral earth firebreak of 4m wide, with a height clearance of 4.2m:

- Inside all external boundaries on the property.
- Surrounding all outbuildings erected on the property.
- Surrounding haystacks, fuel storage or other flammable materials.
- A vertical height clearance of 4.2m must be maintained on driveway access.
- On all land 4000m² and greater a minimum 2m gap between trees shrubs and any dwelling must be maintained.
- In addition no part of any tree should overhang any dwelling.



Urban Areas



Occupied or unoccupied land less than 4000m²

- Have the entire property clear of all flammable material, this does not include green standing trees, growing bushes and plants in gardens, and/or lawns.
- Mowing, slashing, whipper snipping to a height of no more than 4cm as far as reasonably practical over the entire area of land.
- Ploughing, cultivating, scarifying or chemical spraying, followed by slashing to 4cm or other approved method by the City.
- A four metre firebreak is not acceptable.

Asset Protection Zones (APZ)

On all land 4000m² and greater a minimum 2m gap between trees, shrubs and any building, and to ensure that no trees overhang any dwelling.

An authorised Bush Fire Control Officer may issue a variation from Asset Protection Zone requirements where it is considered that adequate risk mitigation measures have been implemented, such as the reduction of fuel loads and appropriate management of understorey vegetation.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the City to discuss the installation of an APZ.

Applications can be made to the City to remove trees or vegetation in order to create an Asset Protection Zone within a tree preservation area as designated in the City's Town Planning Scheme No 3.

NOTE: Properties with dense vegetation will also need to be thinned out to reduce any significant fire risk, to the satisfaction of the City.