

# PERMIT TO SET FIRE TO THE BUSH

## Western Australia Bush Fires Act 1954, Regulation 15B

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Permit Number

## City of Mandurah

## Seasonal Fire Permit 2020

Subject to the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954, and the regulations made there under, and to the due observance and performance of the conditions endorsed on this permit including the provisions of Section 18 of the said Act permission is hereby granted to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

to set fire to the bush at property address: \_\_\_\_\_

Once issued, this is a seasonal permit allowing the burning of material in quantities as detailed below from 29 April 2020 to 31 October 2020 (inclusive) subject to the requirements detailed within this permit.

**NOTE:** This permit is issued subject to the provisions of Section 46 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

- It is **NOT** valid during a declared prohibited burning time or
- When the weather forecasts are 'very high, severe, extreme or catastrophic'.
- **NO RUNNING BURNS ARE PERMITTED**
- Do not burn in winds greater than 25km/h see Bureau of Meteorology at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- In addition to compliance with all conditions, this permit may be revoked or suspended by a Bush Fire Control Officer at any time, if, in their opinion, the fire, if lit, would become a source of danger.
- **ACTION IS REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY SHOULD YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.**

A Bush Fire Control Officer is not compelled to inspect an area to be burnt prior to the issue, retraction or suspension of a permit to burn. The onus lies on the person burning not only to comply with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954, but also to ensure that there is no danger of fire escaping. The issue of this permit in no way affects that responsibility.

Notifications to the following authorities of your intention to burn are **REQUIRED** prior to burning:

Herron Bouvard Dawesville	DFES (08) 9395 9209 DBCA 9303 7700
All other localities	DFES (08) 9395 9209

Fire permits are issued only to properties of 4000m<sup>2</sup> and above.



Carefully read all conditions and ensure you understand your obligations as a permit holder:

Conditions for properties greater than or equal to 4000m <sup>2</sup> up to 20,000m <sup>2</sup>	
Burn dry garden refuse only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burn only one fire at any one time not to exceed 1m <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 able bodied persons in attendance any time fire is alight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Established or access to water supply - water hose to reach extremities of fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rakes, shovels as necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide notice to adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to burning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire to be set away from overhanging trees and branches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure 5 metre clearance of bare ground around fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not burn when fire weather forecast is very high/severe/extreme/catastrophic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burning is not permitted in winds greater than 25km/h in the locality as noted on the <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">Bureau of Meteorology</a> website at bom.gov.au	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire must be completely extinguished prior to leaving fire site	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conditions for properties 20,000m <sup>2</sup> and over	
Dry wood or garden refuse only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burn only one fire at any one time not to exceed 3m <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 able bodied persons in attendance any time fire is alight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 450 litres of water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>
5hp Pump or access to established water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 reels of 30 metre water hose to reach extremities of fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 rakes, 2 shovels, 1 axe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide notice to adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to burning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire to be set away from overhanging trees and branches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure 5 metre clearance of bare ground around fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not burn when fire weather forecast is very high/severe/extreme/catastrophic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burning is not permitted in winds greater than 25km/h in the locality as noted on the <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">Bureau of Meteorology</a> website at bom.gov.au	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire must be completely extinguished prior to leaving fire site	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Permit Holder)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bush Fire Officer)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only

By signing this document, I agree that I have read and understood all the conditions set out in this permit.

**(Box must be ticked)**

Should you have any enquiries please contact City of Mandurah on 9550 3777 or by email at [ranger.admin@mandurah.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger.admin@mandurah.wa.gov.au)



## REGULATION 15B

(6) Subject to this Act a person shall not set fire to the bush on land within a zone of the State during the restricted burning times for that zone of the State unless –

- (a) he has obtained a permit in writing to burn the bush from a bush fire control officer of the local authority in whose district the land upon which the bush proposed to be burnt is situated, or from the clerk of the local authority if a bush fire control officer is not available; and
- (b) the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section are complied with in relation to the burning of the bush.

(7) The person issuing a permit to burn under this section may, by endorsement on the permit –

- (a) incorporate therein any additional requirements and directions considered necessary by him relative to the burning; or
- (b) modify or dispense with any of the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section in so far as those conditions are applicable to the burning.

(8) The holder of a permit to burn under this section –

- (a) shall observe and carry out any requirement or direction incorporated, therein pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of this section;
- (b) shall, where any prescribed condition is modified pursuant to subsection (5) or paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of this section, comply with that condition as so modified;
- (c) need not comply with any prescribed condition that is suspended or dispensed with pursuant to subsection (5) or paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of this section.

(11) Where a person starts a fire on land, if the fire escapes from the land or if the fire is in the opinion of a bush fire control officer or an officer of a bush fire brigade out of control on the land, the person should be liable to pay to the local authority on the request of and for the recoup to its bush fire brigade, any expenses up to a maximum amount of one hundred dollars incurred by it in preventing the extension of or extinguishing the fire, and such expenses may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(12) A person who commits a breach of this section other than subsection (11) is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: For a first offence a fine of four hundred dollars or imprisonment for a term of three months; for every subsequent offence a fine of two thousand dollars or imprisonment for six months.

5B (1) Subject to the Act a person who has obtained a permit to burn the bush under section 18 of the Act (in this regulation called 'the permit holder') shall comply with the conditions set out in this regulation in relation to the burning of the bush.

(2) The permit holder shall give notice of his intention to burn the bush upon land, or upon a part of land, to –

- (a) the clerk or a bush fire control officer of the local authority in whose district that land is situated;
- (b) the owner or occupier of all land adjoining that land;
- (c) a forest officer if the bush is situated within three kilometres of forest land; and
- (d) an officer or employee of each notifiable authority (if any), being an officer or employee who is apparently authorised to accept that notice.

(3) The period of notice required under sub regulation (2) of this regulation shall not be –

- (a) more than twenty-eight days; or
- (b) less than four days unless the notice is given verbally in which case the minimum period of notice may be determined by mutual agreement.

(4) Notice required to be given to an owner-occupier or other person under sub regulation (2) of this regulation may be given by any of the following methods –

- (a) by verbal communication or in writing as will ensure (except in the case mentioned in paragraph (c) of this sub regulation) that every owner, occupier or other person is made aware of the intention to burn and the date and time thereof; or
- (b) by delivering it at the premises on which the person to whom notice is given, lives or carries on business or by leaving it with a person who is apparently over the age of sixteen years who resides or is employed on the premises; or
- (c) in the case of an owner or occupier of adjoining land who is not at the time residing on the adjoining land by posting, not less than eight days prior to the first day on which it is intended to burn the bush, the notice by prepaid letter addressed to the last known place of abode or business of the owner occupier.

(5) A notice given under sub regulation (2) of this regulation shall contain full particulars of the locality where the bush proposed to be burnt is situated.

(6) Before setting fire to the bush the permit holder shall arrange for and provide, in order to assist in keeping the fire under control and preventing it from spreading beyond the land on which the burning is to take place, at least three able-bodied persons who shall be constantly in attendance at the time it is lit until no burning or smouldering fuel is within thirty metres of the perimeter of the firebreak surrounding the burnt area or, if there is no such firebreak, within thirty metres of the perimeter of the burnt area.

(7) Where for any day specified in a notice given under sub regulation (2) of this regulation the fire danger forecast issued by the bureau of Meteorology in Perth in respect of the locality where the bush proposed to be burnt is situated is either 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic', the permit holder shall not burn the bush in the locality on that day but may burn the bush in the locality on the first day next following that day on which the fire danger forecast issued by the bureau of meteorology is below 'very high'.

(8) The permit holder shall not light a fire to burn the bush on a Sunday if the burning of bush on Sundays is for the time being prohibited in the district in which the bush is situated pursuant to sub regulation (1) of regulation 15C of these regulations.

(9) The permit holder shall not light a fire to burn the bush on a day that is a public holiday in the district in which the bush is situated if the burning of the bush on that day is for the time being prohibited in that district pursuant to sub regulation (2) of regulation 15C of these regulations.

