

# Is Your Property Bushfire Ready?



## Restricted Burning Times:

**Between 1 October and 30 November 2015 and between 1 April and 31 May 2016 all dates inclusive (subject to variation).**

Residents may apply for a Permit to Burn by contacting the Shire of Kalamunda Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm. Fire Control Officers are not obligated to issue Permits to Burn and may provide advice on alternatives to burning. There is a requirement to notify neighbours of planned burning a minimum 4 days prior to lighting. Residents can legally burn off a small heap 1 metre square, between 6pm and 11pm only without a permit so long as the Fire Danger Rating is High or below.

## Prohibited Burning Times:

**Between 1 December 2015 to 31 March 2016 both dates inclusive (subject to variation).**

### Local Restriction on the Burning of Garden Refuse (TOTAL FIRE BAN)

Pursuant to the powers contained in *Section 24G (2) of the Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Shire of Kalamunda prohibits the burning of all garden refuse within its District during the Prohibited Burning Time. This prohibition applies to all persons within the Shire's District. *Failure to comply with this prohibition is an offence with a max. penalty of \$3,000.*

**NOTE: Lighting of fires on your property can be extremely dangerous.** To help reduce the risk, prohibited and restricted burning times are set according to seasonal conditions and may be adjusted.

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As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires and pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended), all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Kalamunda are hereby required on or before 1 November in each year, or within 14 days of becoming an owner or occupier of land if after that date, to comply with the requirements set out in this notice.

➡ For properties equal to or greater than 4000m<sup>2</sup> (1 acre) you are required to:

- Construct bare earth firebreaks three (3) metres wide inside and along all boundaries of land in a continuous form, including on boundaries adjacent to roads, rail and drain reserves and all public open space reserves, with all overhanging branches, trees, limbs etc. to be trimmed back from over the firebreak area to a minimum height of four (4) metres;
- Remove all flammable matter except living trees, shrubs, plants under cultivation and lawns, from an area three (3) metres wide and minimum height of four (4) metres immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land;
- Clear firebreaks three (3) metres in width and minimum height of four (4) metres immediately surrounding any place where wood or timber piles, hay stacks, tyres, vehicles, flammable liquids, chemicals and gas products are kept on the land;
- If the property is vacant, install a firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the property;
- Have all flammable material except living trees, shrubs, plants under cultivation and lawns, slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property; and
- If the land is stocked, the above requirement to maintain grass to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property does not apply until 31 December.

The applicable works outlined below must be completed before 1 November in each year and maintained up to and including 31 March in the following calendar year. Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of the order may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted. Additionally the Shire of Kalamunda may carry out the required work at cost to the Owner/Occupier.

➡ For properties less than 4000m<sup>2</sup> (1 acre) you are required to:

- Have all flammable material except living trees, shrubs, plants under cultivation and lawns, slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property;
- If the land is stocked, the above requirement to maintain grass to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property does not apply until 31 December; and
- Install a firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the property unless the property is
- maintained clear of flammable material by slashing and mowing or maintaining living garden beds or lawn.

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