



# SHIRE OF DALWALLINU

## 2008/09 FIRE PREVENTION

<b>BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED</b> 1 OCTOBER TO 31 OCTOBER 15 FEBRUARY TO 15 MARCH
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<b>FIREBREAKS REQUIRED</b> 1 OCTOBER TO 1 APRIL
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### PERMITS

#### HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained from a Fire Control Officer. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the Lot number and Street Name of the property for which the permit is to apply.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM THE SHIRE PRIOR TO BURNING.

#### WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required for burning bush and grass at any time between 1 October and 31 October 2008 and 15 February and 15 March 2009 in all areas. No burning is allowed between 1 November and 14 February.

#### PERMIT ISSUING OFFICERS

##### DALWALLINU

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### PENALTIES

. Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	250
. Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	250
. Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning time	250
. Failure of occupier to extinguish a bush fire	250
. Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name and abode	100
. Failure to produce permit to burn	100
. Burning garden refuse when fire danger is EXTREME or VERY HIGH	250
. Applying to another Fire Control Officer when permit has already been refused or granted subject to special conditions	250

Major offences result in Court action with fines from \$400 to \$2000 or imprisonment for five years.

### GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

#### RESTRICTED BURNING SEASON

Small heaps (up to one cubic metre) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6.00pm and 11.00pm BUT ONLY AFTER a 5 metre wide fire break has been cleared around the fire and at least one able bodied person is in attendance at all times. A permit is not required. BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS.

#### PROHIBITED BURNING SEASON

No garden rubbish or refuse is permitted to be burnt in an open fire during the prohibited burning season. It may only be burnt in an approved incinerator.

#### APPROVED INCINERATOR

The incinerator is to be constructed of steel, brick or a combination of these materials. Every incinerator shall be constructed or covered to prevent the emission of sparks or burning material.

#### ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

Further advice on how to protect your home and when and how to burn off is available from the Shire Office or your local Bush Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions contact them. The safety of your whole community is at stake.

#### FIRE DANGER

No burning of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER.

**BUSH FIRES ACT (AS AMENDED) SHIRE OF DALWALLINU - FIREBREAK ORDER**

**FIREBREAKS**

**NOTICE TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF DALWALLINU**

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the above Act, you are required on or before the first (1) day of October and thereafter up to and including the first (1) day of April the following year for ALL land within the Shire of Dalwallinu; or within 14 days of the date of your becoming an owner or occupier of land, to install a firebreak clear of all flammable material in accordance with the following:

1. Where the area of land is 0.2 hectares or less, all flammable material on the land shall be removed from the whole of the land or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5 centimetres
2. If a property is greater than 0.2 ha firebreaks are required within 20 metres inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the said lands owned or occupied by you
3. Around and within 20 metres of the perimeter of each building and haystack on such lands so as to completely enclose thereof with such a firebreak
4. When any of such lands adjoin a road within such lands and along the common boundary of such lands and such roads.

**PLEASE NOTE: FIREBREAKS MUST NOT BE LESS THAT TWO POINT FOUR (2.4) METRES IN WIDTH.**

5. In addition to any firebreaks required in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) herein, you shall clear off all flammable material from the whole of the land occupied by drums used for the storage of flammable liquid, whether the drums contained flammable liquid or not, including any land on which ramps for holding the drums are constructed, and an area outside the land so occupied to a distance of not less than three (3) metres.

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear or remove flammable material from the land in Rural areas as required by this Notice, you may apply to the Council or its Authorised Officer, no later than 15 September for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to abate the fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by Council or its duly Authorised Officer, you are to comply with the requirements of this Notice.

Flammable material is defined for the purposes of this Notice to include bush, dry grasses, timber, boxes, cartons, paper and similar flammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matters, but does not include green standing trees or growing bushes and plants in gardens or lawns.

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$1000 and a person in default is liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed by this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this Notice. If the requirements of this Notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

**URBAN/RURAL**

	1 October	1 November	15 February	15 March
	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED	RESTRICTED	
1 October	FIREBREAKS REQUIRED			1 April

1. If a property is .2ha or less, to be cleared of all flammable material or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5cm
2. If a property is greater than .2ha, firebreaks required as per rural requirements
3. Firebreaks two point four (2.4) metres wide around block or property boundarys, all buildings and haystacks
4. All flammable material to be cleared:
  - For three (3) metres around fuel drum storage
  - from all property less than 1/2 acre (0.2ha)

**FIREBREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CLEARED OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL UP TO AND INCLUDING 1 APRIL.**

**IF A FIREBREAK IS IMPRACTICAL ALONG YOUR BOUNDARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OR OTHER REASON, NOTIFY THE SHIRE COUNCIL BY SEPTEMBER 15 TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR FIREBREAKS IN ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS OR OF A DIFFERENT NATURE.**

**THE PURPOSE OF FIREBREAKS IS TO STOP FIRE SPREADING, TO ALLOW ENTRY FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE A BREAK FROM WHICH BACK BURNING CAN TAKE PLACE TO CONTROL A FIRE.**