

## 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 - 31 October and 15 February - 15 March in all areas. No burning is allowed between 1 November - 14 February.

### GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

#### RESTRICTED BURNING SEASON

A permit is not required for burning of small heaps (*up to one cubic metre*) of garden refuse 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. **BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH OR EXTREME FIRE 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 IF 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 **HIGH, EXTREME** or **CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER.**

## MOVEMENT OF MACHINERY/VEHICLE BAN (HARVEST BAN)

A Harvest/Movement of Machinery Ban may be set by the Shire or a Fire Control Officer when weather conditions including relative humidity, wind direction, wind strength, temperature and daily forecast meet a certain threshold. A Harvest/Movement of Machinery Ban is a ban on the total movement of vehicles in paddocks with the exception of diesel powered vehicles for the purpose of watering stock only.

#### HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE

A free SMS service is offered by the Shire to notify you when a harvest ban is put in place and removed. To register please phone 08 9661 0500 or email your name, mobile number and if you wish to be on the permanent or temporary list to [sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au). If you have previously registered, a test message will be sent at the start of October.

#### TOTAL FIRE BANS

A Total Fire Ban is declared because of extreme weather conditions or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources. A Total Fire Ban is declared by DFES.

A Total Fire Ban prohibits:

- The lighting of any fires in open air. This includes all open air fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes activities using incinerators, welding equipment, grinders, soldering equipment and gas cutting.
- Any other activities in the open air that may start a fire. Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open to the weather are deemed to be in the open. There are fines of up to \$25,000 and/or jail for 12 months if you breach a Total Fire Ban.

#### For further information on Total Fire Bans:

Contact DFES on the Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355 or online <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban>

# BUSH FIRE INFORMATION 2023/2024



**FOR ALL FIRES CALL  
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For further information on this notice  
please contact  
Shire of Dalwallinu  
Phone: 08 9661 0500  
Email: [shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](http://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)



**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 (AS AMENDED) SHIRE OF DALWALLINU - FIRE BREAK ORDER**

**A reminder that all firebreaks are to be installed by 1 October. Given the growth of vegetation during winter or spring, early attention will ensure a good result and reduce potential fire hazards.**

**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:

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.

If a property is greater than 0.2 hectares firebreaks are required within 20 metres inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the said lands owned and occupied by you.

Around and within 20 metres of the perimeter of each building and haystack on such lands so as to completely enclose thereof such a firebreak.

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

In addition to any firebreaks required in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) & (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 it's 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 grass, 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 \$5,000 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. If a property is 0.2 hectares or less, it is to be cleared of all flammable material or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5cm.
2. If a property is greater than 0.2 hectares, firebreaks required as per rural requirements.
3. Firebreaks two point four metres (2.4) wide around block or property boundaries, 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 (0.20ha)

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

If a firebreak is impractical along your boundary for environmental or other reasons, notify the Shire 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.**

**PENALTIES**

Failure to comply with the *Bush Fire Act 1954* can result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$25,000 or imprisonment.



**Bush Fire Control  
Permit Issuing Officers**

Chief Fire Control Officer      **0428 218 881**  
AARON MILLS

Deputy Fire Control Officer      **0427 311 584**  
GARETH BARNES

Deputy Fire Control Officer      **0429 370 208**  
PAUL BURRIDGE

**BUNTINE**

Michael Dodd      0427 642 078  
Ross Fitzsimons      0427 642 086  
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**DALWALLINU**

Aaron Mills      0428 218 881  
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**WUBIN**

Gareth Barnes      0427 311 584



**DATES TO KNOW**

<b>OPEN PERIOD</b>	
16 March to 30 September	
<b>Restricted Burning Period - Permit Required</b>	
1 October to 31 October	
Garden Refuse & Rubbish	See Garden Refuse & Rubbish in brochure
Bush/Grass	Permit Required
<b>BURNING PROHIBITED</b>	
1 November to 14 February	
Garden Refuse & Rubbish	PROHIBITED
Bush/Grass	PROHIBITED
<b>Restricted Burning Period - Permit Required</b>	
15 February to 15 March	

**HARVEST BANS**

<p><b>SMS</b></p> <p>An SMS will be sent to those registered when a ban is put in place and lifted.</p> 	<p><b>Phone</b></p> <p>A designated, pre recorded message will advise if a harvest ban is active.</p>  <b>08 9661 0555</b>
<p><b>Radio Station</b></p> <p>Tune your radio to ABC 531 AM Spirit 104.5 FM Red 106.1 FM</p> 	<p><b>Social Media</b></p> <p>Regular updates will be posted on our website and facebook page <a href="http://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au">www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au</a></p> 