

Pursuant of Section 33 of the BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

As a landowner or occupier, you are required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out fire prevention work on your property. Please read this notice carefully - if there are any points that are not fully understood, please contact either the Northampton or Kalbarri offices.

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PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCIL'S REQUIREMENTS

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally. In addition to the requirements of this Notice, Council may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary.

Works to comply with this Notice are required to be established **15 OCTOBER 2026** and maintained clear up to and including **28 FEBRUARY 2027**

TOWNSTE AND RESIDENTIAL LOTS

ALL LOTS UNDER 0.4ha

Flammable materials shall be mowed/slashed/mulched to a height between 50mm and 100mm and maintained for the fire season, with the exception of live standing trees and selected shrubs. Retention of selected shrubs that are located more than 3 metres from an adjacent building is encouraged to reduce soil instability.

ALL LOTS OVER 0.4ha

Graded/ploughed/hoed or Chemical applied firebreak at a width of at least 3.0 metres

Any burning of vegetation waste is required to comply with clause 4.2.13 of the Shire's Health Local Laws 2017.

RURAL – RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Graded/ploughed/hoed or Chemical applied firebreak at a width of at least 3.0 metres. All buildings must have a minimum of 20 metre clearance of all flammable material

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Graded/ploughed/hoed or chemical applied firebreaks installed within 20 metres inside and along the whole of external boundaries – All buildings must have a minimum of 20 metre clearance of all flammable material

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A LAND HOLDER IN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 as amended, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This work must be carried out by **15th OCTOBER 2026** or within **14 DAYS** of becoming the owner or occupier, should this be after that date and kept maintained throughout the summer months until **28 FEBRUARY 2027**

THE PURPOSE OF FIREBREAKS IS TO STOP FIRE SPREADING; ALLOW ENTRY FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE A BREAK FROM WHICH BACK BURNING CAN TAKE PLACE TO CONTROL A FIRE. PROVIDE PROTECTION AND AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS. PERSONS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS NOTICE MAY BE ISSUED WITH AN INFRINGEMENT NOTICE OR BE PROSECUTED. WHERE THE OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUISITIONS OF THE NOTICE, COUNCIL OR ITS DULY AUTHORISED OFFICERS WILL CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED WORK AT THE COST OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER.

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this Notice, or if natural features render firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Northampton no later than 15 October 2026. PLEASE NOTE FIREBREAKS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) METRES IN WIDTH, FOR LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON.

FUEL DEPOTS

In respect of land owned and/or occupied by you on which is situated any container normally used to contain liquid or gas fuel, including the land on which any ramp or supports are constructed, you shall have the land clear of all flammable material.

FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Extensive on ground firebreak inspections are carried out each year.

FIRE BREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED BY 15 OCTOBER

2026/2027



FIRST AND FINAL FIREBREAK AND FUEL REDUCTION NOTICE

- **Blocks Under 1000 m²** – Burning prohibited within townships. (except i.e. fireplaces, wood fire cooking and fire pit) at all times.
- **Blocks 1000–2000 m²** – Prohibited unless outside the township or with a permit.
- **Blocks Over 2000 m²** – Burning within townships may be allowed with conditions or a permit.



PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS NOTICE TO PROTECT YOUR LAND AND RESIDENCE FROM FIRE

WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

IMPORTANT DATES

1/09/2026 Restricted period – permit required
15/10/2026 Prohibited burning to 28/2/2027
1/03/2027 Restricted period – permit required
7/04/2027 Burning permitted

HINTS FOR BURNING

- Don't light a fire on a hot or windy day.
- Don't try to burn more than you can control.
- Neighbours must be advised.
- Make sure smoke and sparks will not affect neighbours washing or open windows.
- Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fences before burning.
- Burn against the wind.
- Ensure adequate water is on site to dampen down the fire.

ALL MATERIAL TO BE BURNED ON A 1000-2000m² MUST BE FREE OF ALL ANIMAL MANURE, PLASTICS, TYRES, CHEMICAL CONTAINERS AND GREEN WASTE

FIRE DANGER

NO BURNING of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of **HIGH** or **ABOVE**.

BARBEQUES & INCINERATORS & CAMPERS

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted at any time in approved locations. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are **PROHIBITED ON HIGH, EXTREME OR CATASTOPHIC FIRE DANGER DAYS AND FROM 15 OCTOBER THROUGH TO 14 FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR.**

APPROVED INCINERATOR

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

PERMITS AND PENALTIES

Brigade Captains and Key personnel

Tatiana Vafiades	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	0449 925 488
Matt Johnson	DCBFCO	0438 950 616
Scott Bridgeman	DCBFCO / Sandy Gully / Alma	0400 342 014
Damian Harris	DCBFCO/ Ajana / Binnu	0428 471 470
Kyle Carson	Captain Ajana/Binnu BFB	0409 366 350
Chadd Gaby	Captain Horrocks BFB	0418 933 946
Joe Wood	Captain Port Gregory/ Yallabatharra BFB	0449 906 176
Wes Teakle	Captain Isseka BFB	0428 341 287
Rob Mckenzie	Northampton Ranger	0458 341 200
Brock Lucev	Northampton Ranger	0429 341 203
Scott Rintoul	Captain Northampton VFRS	0447 022 285
Brian Robinson	Executive Manager Community Development & Regulation	08 9934 1202

WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required for burning of bush and grass during the restricted periods.

All **RESIDENTIAL, SEMI RURAL AND GENERAL FARMING** require a permit at all times during the restricted burning period.

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained during work hours from the Shire Offices. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the Lot or Location Number and Street or Road Name of the property for which the permit is to apply

**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY PHONE
RING 000**

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
Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name and abode.	100
Failure to produce permit to burn	100

**DFES Information Line
133 337**

www.dfes.wa.gov.au

For more information regarding total Fire Bans

CONTRACTORS

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Northampton Telephone: 9934 1202
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Advice is Available

Further advice on how to protect your home when and how to burn is available from your local Bush Fire Brigade. If you have any questions, please contact them.

The safety of our whole community is at stake