

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AS AMENDED

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

Council forwards a copy of the Firebreak Notice with Rate Assessments each year. The Notice is also published in a local newspaper circulating in the district. Additional copies are obtainable at the Shire of Northampton. 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.

RESIDENTIAL

(LOTS UNDER 0.2ha)

Must be cleared of all flammable materials (ploughed/hoed/burnt/cleared)

(LOTS OVER 0.2ha)

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

1 OCTOBER 2018

& maintained clear

up to and including

2 MARCH 2019

RESIDENTIAL – KALBARRI & HORROCKS

(LOTS UNDER 0.2ha)

Must be cleared of all flammable material or be mowed/slashed/mulched. Pushed up heaps for burning is not permitted

(LOTS OVER 0.2ha)

Graded/ploughed/hoed cleared firebreak

At a width of at least 3.0 metres

1 OCTOBER 2018

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2 MARCH 2019

RURAL AREAS

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

1 OCTOBER 2018

and maintained clear

up to and including

2 MARCH 2019

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 **1st OCTOBER 2018** or within **14 DAYS** of becoming the owner or occupier, should this be after that date and kept maintained throughout the summer months until **2 MARCH 2019**.

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. 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 PROSECUTED. WHERE THE OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOTICE, COUNCIL OR ITS DULY AUTHORISED OFFICERS WILL CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED WORK AT THE COST OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER.

In addition, you may be required to carry out further works, which may be deemed necessary and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address shown on the Shire of Northampton rate records for that land.

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 1st October 2018.

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.

2018/2019



FIRST AND

FINAL

FIREBREAKS

NOTICE



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

WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

PERMITS AND PENALTIES

ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

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

The safety of our whole community is at stake

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS –

IN CASE OF FIRE EMERGENCY ONLY

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Northampton Townsite	0428 341 384
Northampton Surrounds	0447 803 959
Kalbarri	9937 2022
Horrocks	9934 3008
Isseka	0439 651 375
Port Gregory	0429 451 408
(Chief Bush Fire Control)	0458 341 200
(Officer - Rob McKenzie)	

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained from the Shire Offices 8.30am – 4.00pm or after hours from your local Permit Issuing Officer if you live in other areas of the Shire. 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.

WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required for burning of bush and grass at any time between 1 September to 14 October and 2 March to 15 April. All **RESIDENTIAL, SEMI RURAL AND GENERAL FARMING** require a permit at ALL times during the restricted burning period.

ALL MATERIAL TO BE BURNED MUST BE FREE OF ALL ANIMAL MANURE, PLASTICS, TYRES, CHEMICAL CONTAINERS AND GREEN WASTE

PERMIT ISSUING OFFICERS

Rob McKenzie (Northampton)	CBFCO	0458 341 200
Mick Morris (Northampton)		0447 803 959
Len Simmons (Kalbarri)	0417 902 321	
Lindsay Rowe (Horrocks)	9934 3008	0428 343 008
Greg Poett (Port Gregory/Yallaharra)		0429 451 408
Kyle Carson (Ajana/Binnu)	0409 366 350	
Chad Graham (Isseka)	0439 651 375	
Matt Johnson (Ogilvie)	0438 950 616	
Scott Bridgeman (Sandy Gully/Alma)		0400 342 014

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

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING	RESTRICTED PERIOD
PERMIT REQUIRED		PERMIT REQUIRED
1/9/2018 – 14/10/2018	15 OCTOBER TO 1 MARCH	2/3/2019 – 15/4/2019

FIRE DANGER
NO BURNING of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of **VERY HIGH** or **EXTREME**.

BARBECUES & INCINERATORS & CAMPERS

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time in approved locations. Solid fuel barbecues and incinerators are **PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH OR EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS AND FROM 15 OCTOBER THROUGH TO 1 MARCH 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.

AERIAL FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Aerial Firebreak inspections are carried out in October each year. They are then followed by an extensive on ground inspection programme.

FIRE BREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED BY 1ST OCTOBER

CONTRACTORS

NORTHAMPTON (NR)	KALBARRI (K)
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