

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)

Flamable 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.

(LOTS OVER 0.2ha)

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

15 OCTOBER 2024

& maintained clear up to and including

14 FEBRUARY 2025

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

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

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14 FEBRUARY 2025

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 2024** or within **14 DAYS** of becoming the owner or occupier, should this be after that date and kept maintained throughout the summer months until **14th FEBRUARY 2024**.

THE PURPOSE OF FIREBREAKS IS TO STOP FIRE SPREADING; ALLOW ENTRY FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES, 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.

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 15 October 2024.

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.

2024/2025



FIRST AND FINAL FIREBREAKS NOTICE



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

WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

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 NUMBER
IN CASE OF FIRE
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
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

FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Extensive on ground firebreak inspections are carried out each year.

FIRE BREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED BY 15 OCTOBER

PERMITS AND PENALTIES

PERMIT ISSUING OFFICERS

Rob McKenzie	CBFCO / Captain Isseka	0458 341 200
Scott Bridgeman	DCBFCO / Sandy Gully / Alma	0400 342 014
Scott Rintoul	Captain Nothampton VFRS	0447 022 285
Harley Simpson	Lieutenant Sandy Gully BFB	0429 341 222
Rick Davey	Kabarri Ranger	0429 341 203
Lindsay Rowe	Captain Horrocks BFB	0428 343 008
Joe Wood	Captain Pt Gregory / Yallabatharra BFB	0449 906 176
Matt Johnson	Captain Ogilvie BFB	0438 950 616
Kyle Carson	Captain/DCBFCO Ajana / Binnu	0409 366 350
Damian Harris	Deputy Captain Ajana / Binnu	0428 471 470
Glenn Reynolds	Lieutenant Ajana / Binnu BFB	0429 361 006
Jerome Drew	Admin Officer Ajana / Binnu BFB	0419 849 437
Andrew Campbell	CEO Northampton Shire	9934 1202
Brian Robinson	Executive Manager Community Development & Regulation	9934 1202

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained during work hours from the Shire Offices 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 15 February to 7 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

FIRE DANGER

NO BURNING of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of **VERY 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 VERY HIGH, EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC 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.

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.

CONTRACTORS

NORTHAMPTON (NR)

Peter Millington (NR & K)
Telephone: 0429 341 306

Simon Drage (NR)
Mobile: 0429 341 159

Gum Gully Mowing and
Slashing
Stewart Olman (NR & K)
Mobile: 0427 341 464
Kathy: 0437 654 796

KALBARRI (K)

Graeme Ralph (K)
Mobile: 0427 361 122

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING	RESTRICTED PERIOD
PERMIT REQUIRED		PERMIT REQUIRED
1/9/2024 – 14/10/2024	15 OCTOBER TO 14 FEBRUARY	15/2/2025 – 7/4/2025

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