

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine of \$5,000 or a modified penalty of \$250.

In accordance with s33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* any person failing to comply with this Notice may also be liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley undertaking fire hazard reduction works on your property (owner or occupier).

Burning off is not permitted in the Kununurra or Wyndham town sites at any time.



Need More Information?

Contact Rangers Services

T | 9168 4100

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IN CASE OF FIRE

Telephone 000

CONTACTS

Volunteer Bush Brigades

Call 000

DFES Kimberley Regional

Communications Office

Phone: 08 9158 3222

Kununurra Police

08 9166 4530

Wyndham Police 08 9161 0400

SHIRE of
WYNDHAM
EAST KIMBERLEY



Firebreak and Householder Hazard Reduction Notice

Bush Fires Act 1954



Bush Fire Season

As a landowner/occupier you have a responsibility to manage your property to reduce the risk of bush fire. You are also restricted from burning off or otherwise lighting fires at certain times of the year (1 April – 14 January), when a permit is required.

Notice to all Owners and Occupiers of land in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Bush Fire Act 1954

This brochure outlines what actions you must take to manage any fire hazards and the risks associated with those hazards on your property and the dates by when those actions must be completed.

Inflammable material is defined for the purpose of this notice, to include: bush, timber, boxes, cartons, paper, and like inflammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matter but does not include living trees, shrubs, growing bushes and plants under cultivation.

Burning of bush, grass or garden refuse throughout the Shire is not permitted unless a written permit has been obtained from an authorised Bush Fire Control Officer. Please contact a Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Bush Fire Control Officer on (08) 9168 4100.

If you do not meet your requirements as outlined in this brochure and as detailed in the Government Gazette you may be fined in accordance with the *Bush Fire Act 1954*.

Pursuant to the powers contained in s33 of the *Bush Fire Act 1954*, you are required to complete hazard reduction activities on or before the **1 June each year and thereafter maintain the reduction up to and including 14 April of each year**. All fire hazard reduction work as required in accordance with the following:

1. Rural and Pastoral Land (Refers to all land outside town site)

Trafficable firebreaks are required to be installed on the land and clear of inflammable material.

(a) These should be not less than three (3) metres wide inside, along and within ten (10) metres of all external boundaries and around all haystacks.

(b) A twenty (20)-metre “parkland cleared” low fuel buffer zone around all buildings, which shall be clear of all inflammable material.

2. Town Site Land

(Refers to all land within the town site of Kununurra and Wyndham)

(a) Where the area of the land is 2,000 square metres or less, remove all inflammable materials from the whole of the land.

(b) Where the land is greater than 2,000 square metres, trafficable firebreaks not less than three (3) metres wide inside and within two (2) metres of the external boundaries of the land and a twenty (20) metre “parkland cleared” low fuel buffer zone around all buildings, which shall be cleared of all inflammable material.

3. Rubbish Sites

(All rubbish sites for pastoral stations, town site and community use)

Trafficable firebreaks to be installed no less than two (2) metres wide and within three (3) metres of the perimeter of the rubbish site.

4. Fuel Dumps and Depots

Remove all inflammable material from within five (5) metres of all fuel drums and ramps, whether the drums contain fuel or not.

The works referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 herein must be performed to the satisfaction of a duly authorised Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley.

These conditions are considered the minimum standard of protection required. The Shire of

Wyndham East Kimberley reserves the right to place further conditions upon individual land Owner/Occupiers as may be necessary to reduce fire risk.

If it is considered impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to remove inflammable material from the land as required by this Notice, you may apply, in writing, to the Shire, no later than 7 May for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards.



**Protect yourself,
Protect your community!**