

Be Bushfire Ready.

Stay Safe. Protect Our Community.

Can We Access Your Property?

Did you know?

For firefighters to protect your home effectively, fire appliances must be able to access your property safely and quickly.

If emergency vehicles can't access your land, they may not be able to protect your home during a bushfire.

Don't Fuel Fires — Fireproof Your Home!

Help reduce the risk of fire around your home by following these simple tips:

- Clear flammable material from around all buildings
- Keep firewood, fuel and flammables (e.g. petrol, kerosene) well away from your house. Clean gutters regularly to remove dead leaves and debris
- Remove dead trees and branches that could fall and ignite your roof
- Rake up leaves, twigs and other dry material around your yard
- Burn off dry grass or vegetation responsibly and only at approved times — or consider safer alternatives like mulching or green waste disposal
- Avoid thick vegetation or overgrowth close to your house — it can quickly turn into a dangerous fuel source during a bushfire

Fire Permits Required

During the Restricted Burning Period
(1 April – 31 December):

You MUST obtain a Fire Permit from the Shire before doing any burning. This applies to burning garden refuse, rubbish, or dry vegetation — even in small piles.

Contact the Shire to apply for a permit or find safer alternatives to burning.

Need More Information?

Contact Ranger Services

9168 4100

mail@swek.wa.gov.au

www.swek.wa.gov.au

In Case of Emergency

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Kununurra Police Phone
08 9166 4530

Wyndham Police Phone
08 9161 0400

Useful Links

https://www.swek.wa.gov.au/services/rangers/litterawareness.aspx

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Firebreak Order, Burning Rules & Bushfire Information

Working together for a safer community

Firebreak Requirements

Land Less than 2000m²

- Asset Protection Zone (APZ) required
- Grass no higher than 30cm
- Natural vegetation ≤ 8 tonnes/ha

Land Greater than 2000m²

- Asset Protection Zone (APZ) required
- Firebreaks 3m wide, 4m high, within 10m of property boundary
- Trafficable for emergency vehicles
- Must not end in dead-ends

Fuel Storage Areas

Clear at least 15m around all fuel drums, ramps or stacks

Exemptions & Special Cases

If firebreaks or clearing is impractical, apply for an exemption by 15 February each year. Contact the Shire for more info.

How to Build a Firebreak

Firebreaks must be:

- 3m wide with 4m overhead clearance
- Free of all flammable material
- Maintainable by ploughing, grading, raking, burning or chemical spraying
- Made of mineral earth, gravel, bitumen, or short green lawn (grass <10cm)
- Must not end in a dead-end

Asset Protection Zone (APZ) Requirements

Within 20m of buildings:

- Grass under 10cm
- Tree canopy coverage ≤ 15%
- Trees pruned to at least 2m from ground
- No trees within 3m of buildings
- No overhanging branches
- Woodpiles & flammables stored safely
- Clear debris and install safe paths
- Scrub must be sparse and walkable



Burning Garden Refuse

During the Restricted Burning Period (1 April – 31 December), burning is prohibited unless ALL the following are met:

- No burning allowed on land under 2,000m²
- You must obtain a Fire Permit under Regulation 15
- Burn in one pile only, max size 2.0m³
- All material must be 100% cured
- There is no inflammable matter (other than that being burnt) within five (5) metres of the fire at any time while the fire is burning
- The fire is lit between 6.00pm and 11.00pm and is completely extinguished before midnight on the same day
- At least one person is present at the site of the fire at all times until it is completely extinguished
- When the fire is no longer required, the person ensures that the fire is completely extinguished by the application of water or earth

REMEMBER: Even if you meet all the conditions, you must still get a Fire Permit from the Shire during the Restricted Burning Period.



Cooking on an Open Fire? Know the Rules

Under the Bush Fires Act 1954, open cooking fires must be used safely.

- Clear all flammable material at least 3 metres around the fire
- Do not light the fire within 3 metres of a log or stump
- Keep the fire attended at all times
- Fully extinguish the fire before leaving

An open cooking fire must not be lit when the Fire Danger Rating is High, Extreme or Catastrophic, unless written approval has been obtained from the Shire.

Help keep our community safe.

Total Fire Ban. What Does It Mean?

A Total Fire Ban is declared when weather conditions are expected to make any fire extremely dangerous and difficult to control.

During a Total Fire Ban:

- Do not light any outdoor fires
- Do not carry out activities that may start a fire
- Follow all restrictions in place for your safety and the safety of our community

Before carrying out any activity that could create sparks or flames, check whether a Total Fire Ban has been declared.