

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

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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
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EAST KIMBERLEY



Firebreak and 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), a permit is required during these restricted times.

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 on your property, the risks associated with those hazards and the dates by when actions must be completed.

Inflammable material is defined for the purpose of this notice, to include: bush, timber, boxes, cartons, paper, 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 **1 June each year and thereafter maintain the reduction up to and including 14 April of each year.**

All fire hazard reduction work required in accordance with the following:

1. Ord Irrigation Project Area:

(a) Not less than three (3) meters wide inside, along and as close as possible to external boundaries.

(b) Not less than six (6) meters wide and within three (3) meters of the perimeter of all buildings and/or haystacks and groups of buildings.

2. Pastoral Lands:

(Refers to land outside Town Sites held under Pastoral Lease)

(a) Firebreaks are to be a distance not less than six (6) meters wide and within three (3) meters of a building/s and haystacks.

3. Rural Lands:

(Refers to all land outside town site not under Pastoral Lease)

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.

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

4. Rural Living Areas:

(Refers to land up to 5 ha per lot outside town site/s used primarily for residential purposes)

(a) Clear a three (3) meter wide firebreak, immediately inside the external boundaries of land.

(b) Trees must be trimmed back to provide a vertical clearance of three and a half (3.5) meters to allow fire appliances access along the firebreak.

5. Town Site Land:

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

(a) Where the area of the land is 2,000 square metres or less, remove vegetation by clearing or slashing all inflammable materials from the whole of the land, excluding standing live trees.

(b) Where the land is greater than 2,000 square metres, a firebreak not less than six (6) metres wide, immediately surrounding any buildings and not less than three (3) meters in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the land is required.

6. Rubbish Sites:

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

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

7. Fuel Dumps and Depots:

Remove all inflammable material from land where fuel drum ramps or dumps are located, and where fuel drums (whether containing fuel or not) are stored. A distance of at least fifteen (15) meters outside the perimeter of any fuel drum ramps or dumps is required.



The works referred to in paragraphs 1-7 herein must be performed to the satisfaction of a duly authorised person appointed by 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 flammable material from the land as required by this Notice, you may apply in writing to the Shire, no later than 1st April each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land.

Protect yourself,
Protect your community!