



BUSH FIRE CONTROL 2026–2027

Notice to all Owners and /or Occupiers of Land in the Shire of Menzies

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are hereby required, on or before 15 October 2026, to clear firebreaks and remove flammable material from land owned or occupied by you as specified hereunder.

This work must be carried on or before 15 October 2026 and kept maintained throughout the summer months up to and including 15 March 2027.

1.0 Land Outside Townsites

1.1 Buildings on land which are located outside townsites shall be surrounded by a firebreak not less than three metres wide and that land inside the firebreak shall be cleared of flammable material.

2.0 Land in Townsites

2.1 Where the area of land is 2,000 sqm or less, all flammable material shall be removed from the land.

2.2 Where the area of land is 2,000 sqm or more, firebreaks of at least 2.5 metres wide shall be cleared of all flammable materials and in general comply with the requirements of the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act 1961.

3.0 Fuel Dumps/Tanks/Depots

Where there are flammable liquid or gas containers on the land, such land shall be cleared and kept clear of all flammable materials and in general comply with the requirements of the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act 1961.

4.0 General Provisions

The term 'flammable materials' for the purpose of this notice includes (as defined in the Bush Fires Act 1954) timber, boxes, cartons, paper and like materials, but does not include buildings, green standing trees and bushes or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawns. If it is considered impracticable for any reason to clear the land of flammable materials, you may apply to the Council for permission to prepare firebreaks in an alternative position. If such permission is not granted, you shall comply with the provisions of this notice. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be done in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954. The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$5,000 and a person is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing work directed by this notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the required date.

Robert Stewart
Acting Chief Executive Officer

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2026/2027

Restricted Burning Period:

From 19 September 2026 to 15 March 2027 (inclusive)

Permits to burn are required during this period for hazard reduction burning.

Alternative firebreak applications to be submitted by 1 October 2026.

Firebreaks must be installed by 15 October 2026.

Please note that penalties apply where burning regulations are contravened or permit conditions are not complied with.

Prohibited Burning Period:

From 1 November 2026 to 15 March 2027 (inclusive)

All burning, including garden refuse is prohibited during this period.

*Properties to be maintained clear of flammable material until
15 March 2027.*

Unrestricted Season:

From 16 March 2027 to 18 September 2027 (inclusive)

EXTRA FIRE RESTRICTIONS MAY BE IMPOSED AT ANY TIME.

For more information

For more information on Fire Restrictions in the Shire of Menzies,
please contact Administration Office on (08) 9024 2041 or visit the
Shire's Website www.menzies.wa.gov.au