



BUSH FIRE FIREBREAK NOTICE AND REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND / OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON

FIRST AND FINAL WARNING

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you as set out in this Notice by the dates specified. If the requirements of this Notice are not met by the due date or are not completed to the satisfaction of an inspecting officer, an on-the-spot fine of \$250 will be issued. The maximum fine for failure to comply is \$5,000. Council can also enter the land and carry out required work at the owner/occupier's expense.

Reference (Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954)

All landowners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Carnarvon shall comply with the dates set out in this notice or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land if after that date clear firebreaks and maintain them up to and including the last date set out in this notice pending on the location of the property, in accordance with this notice.

Where a property is affected by an approved bushfire management plan, the property owner and/or occupier must still comply with all the requirements in this notice and with **ALL** additional requirements outlined within that plan.

FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2024/2025

Must be installed before 1 November and maintained clear of all flammable material to 30 April inclusive.

GAZETTED TOWNSITE LAND.

Refers to all land within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services gazetted town sites of Carnarvon and Coral Bay.

Where the land is 2,000 square meters or less:	Where the land is greater than 2,000 square meters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Maintain all dry grass on the land to a height no greater than 50mm · Ensure no tree crowns overhang buildings · Prune trees and shrubs and remove dead flammable material within 1.5m around all buildings · Ensure the roofs, gutters, and walls of all buildings on the land are free of flammable matter · Maintain an Asset/Building Protection Zone within the confines of the property boundary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Install and maintain a minimum 3-meter-wide by 4-meter-high clearance, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land. around all buildings, · Keep a 20m low fuel Asset Protection Zone, clear of all flammable material, around all buildings, Structures, sheds, and fuel storage, all stationary internal combustion engines, and all electrical outlets, motors, or pumps · Maintain an Asset/Building Protection Zone within the confines of the property boundary

PASTORAL & RURAL LAND

This refers to all land outside the Department of Fire and Emergency Services gazetted town sites of Carnarvon and Coral Bay.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Install and maintain a minimum 3-meter-wide by 4-meter-high clearance (for pastoral lands, recommended 6-20m wide break be installed dependent on fuel loading and vegetation), being a continuous (no dead ends) Trafficable fire break, as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land, around all buildings, sheds and fuel storage, all stationary internal combustion engines and all electrical outlets, motors or pumps. · Keep a 20m low fuel Asset/building Protection Zone, clear of all flammable material, around all buildings and Structures

ALTERNATE STYLE FIREBREAK

If you consider it impracticable or environmentally damaging to carry out the requirements in this Notice, you can apply to the Shire of Carnarvon by 1 October for permission to provide alternative firebreaks or other fire prevention measures. In the absence of written approval for alternative measures, the owner/occupier must adhere to the requirements of this Notice. For further information, contact the Shire of Carnarvon.

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FIREBREAKS

Shall consist of a strip of land free of all flammable material with the intention of minimizing the spread or extension of a bushfire and providing safe access on the property for emergency vehicles and other firefighting operations. Firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods:

- Ploughing
- Mulching
- Cultivating
- Scarifying
- Raking
- Burning
- Chemical spraying



Or other method approved by an authorized officer.

Mineral Earth

Mulched Break

<https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/a-guide-to-constructing-and-maintaining-fire-breaks>

Asset / Building Protection Zone

Maintain a fuel-reduced zone around all buildings and assets which extends 20 meters from the outermost point of all buildings and assets.

- Gutters, roofs, and walls of all buildings to be free of flammable matter and maintained.
- Trees over 5 metres in height within the 20-metre zone to be under-pruned up to 2 metres.
- Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of a building/asset shall be pruned to a height no greater than 2 metres and/or pruned away from the building/asset to a distance greater than 2 metres.
- Maintain all dry grass on the land to a height no greater than 50mm inside of the 20m zone.
- Fuel loads within the 20-metre zone is reduced and maintained to no more than 2 tonnes per hectare.

<https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/building-protection-zone-standards>

ADDITIONAL WORKS

In addition to the requirements of this Notice, regardless of land size and location, you may be required to carry out further fire prevention works to reduce hazards considered necessary by an Authorised Officer. Any further requirement would be specified by way of a "work order" forwarded to the address of the owner(s) and/or occupier(s).

Some examples of these could be:

- remove accumulated fuel such as leaf litter, twigs, dead bush, and dead trees capable of carrying a running fire.
- reduce unmanaged grasses/weeds by slashing, mowing or other means.
- reduce long grasses in areas not being grazed or cultivated by slashing, mowing, bailing, or by other means.
- reduce vegetation to a low-threat state from the outer edge of the firebreak through to the property boundary (e.g., no long grass, overhanging branches).

Green Waste and Mitigation Burning in the Shire of Carnarvon

RESTRICTED BURNING 1st October to 30th April Every Year.

During this period:

- A permit is required to burn, permits will only be issued for fuel mitigation burning of the bush, green waste, or campfires.
- Burning is prohibited on any day when the Fire Danger Rating reaches High, Extreme, or Catastrophic
- Burning is prohibited when a Total Fire Ban has been declared.
- During the Restricted Burning Periods, you are only allowed to burn on days that are Moderate.

Fire Danger Ratings are on the BOM website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings.shtml>

