

## PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

The prohibited times for the Waroona District are:

**Zone 4** IRRIGATION AREA  
December 22 to February 14 (incl.)

**Zone 6(a)** COASTAL AREA  
December 15 to February 28 (incl.)

**Zone 6(b)** CENTRAL AREA  
December 15 to February 28 (incl.)

**Zone 8(a)** DRY SAND AREA  
December 15 to March 14 (incl.)

**Zone 8(b)** HILLS AREA  
December 15 to March 14 (incl.)

## RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Fire permits must be obtained from your relevant Fire Control Officer for burning off during the following periods:

**ZONE 4**  
November 9 to December 21, February 15 to March 29

**ZONE 6**  
November 2 to December 14, March 1 to April 12

**ZONE 8**  
November 2 to December 14, March 15 to April 26

## **IMPORTANT**

**PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF A BURN YOU  
ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE SHIRE  
OFFICE OF TIME, DATE AND LOCATION  
NUMBER**

SHIRE OFFICE - 9733 7800

## SHIRE OF WAROONA FIRE BRIGADE

### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

#### Waroona Fire Brigade

John Twaddle (Chief Officer) 0417 974 611  
John Look 9733 1261  
0416 060 608  
Brian Beales 0427 040 680

#### Lake Clifton Fire Brigade

Gareth Davies 9739 1290  
0424 210 034

#### Waroona West Brigade

Greg Lewis 9739 1639  
0409 885 970

#### SUGGESTED FIREBREAK / SLASHING CONTRACTORS

##### All areas:

Brian Eastcott - 0427 445 739

QD Evans Contracting (Quinten) (Slashing & Spraying)  
- 0428 642 929

##### Waroona/Hamel:

Waroona Earthworks (Firebreaks only - no slashing)  
- 0429 020 112 or  
9733 3308

Armstrong Hills, Tuart Grove, Lake Clifton:  
Chris Long (Tractor & Dozer) - 9739 1276 / 0414 981 271

Preston Beach Town Site Slashing Contractor:  
Brian Eastcott - 0427 445 739

*Disclaimer: The Shire provides this information in good faith and therefore holds no responsibility for the work done by these contractors and accepts no liability.*

#### SMS Notifications Register

The Shire of Waroona administers a SMS notification service for Total Fire Ban / Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban, and changes to Restricted or Prohibited Burning Periods.

As soon as a change has been implemented or a Total Fire Ban or Harvest/ Vehicle movement ban is called, all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone. This service is free of charge. Please note that these bans are called by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer in liaison with Dept of Fire & Emergency Services.

To register for this service please email your details to [eso@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@waroona.wa.gov.au) or phone the Shire office on 9733 7800.



# FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION 2015/2016



## Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mr John Twaddle - 0417 974 611

## Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer

Mr Brian Beales - 0427 040 680

# BUSHFIRES ACT 1954

Important information relating to your responsibility as a landholder in the Shire of Waroona. With reference to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This work must be carried out on or before **November 30th** and kept maintained throughout the summer months until the close of Restricted Burning Period.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this order may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted with an increased penalty, and additionally, Council may carry out required work at cost to the owner or occupier.

If it is considered for any reason to be impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this notice or natural features render firebreaks unnecessary you may apply to the Council or its duly authorised officer not later than the 30th day of November for permission to provide a variation for firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. All variation requests must be made by the property owner or person authorised to act upon the owners behalf. Individual requests are required for each property. If permission is not granted by the Council or its duly authorised officer, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice. You must have your variation in place and operational by the 30th November. It is your responsibility to demonstrate that the variation will be maintained for the entire restricted and prohibited burning times. Failure to demonstrate compliance and the ability to maintain the alternative solutions approved within the variation will automatically require total compliance with the firebreak order in its entirety. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

## Definitions & Notes

**Firebreak (EXCLUDING SECTION E):** the term Firebreak means a 3 metre wide, 4 metre vertical area of the owner(s)/occupier(s) land, cleared and maintained totally clear of all vegetation material (living or dead) so that there is only mineral bare earth left. Any overhanging trees and/or vegetation must be pruned to a height 4 metres above the ground level of a mineral bare earth firebreak.

Firebreaks constructed on road verges do not constitute a legal firebreak.

**Clear all flammable material on the land:** Means land mowed, slashed, burned, removing all flammable material such that the material is no greater than 10cm in vertical height.

**Flammable material:** means any plant, tree, grass, vegetable, substance, object or thing (except living standing trees and shrubs) that may, or is likely to catch fire and burn; or any other thing deemed by an authorised officer to be capable of combustion.

**Strategic break:** A firebreak, shown on a subdivision guide plan and/or Fire Management Plan, constructed as part of a subdivision; maintained to the satisfaction of Council and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

**Variation:** Means where the topography of the land parcel makes the normal placement of a firebreak impractical or dangerous or other fire mitigation measures have been installed; such that alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the fire break order are provided and demonstrated.

## A) Rural Land

Firebreaks as previously defined must be provided in the following positions:

- a) Within 60 metres inside and along the boundaries of all land including that which is uncleared, so as to form a continuous break around the holding.
- b) Not more than 100 metres and not less than 20 metres from the perimeter of all groups of buildings, haystacks and fuel installations provided on that land.

NOTE 1: 10 round bales constitute a haystack; 5 large oblong bales constitute a haystack; 200 small oblong bales constitute a haystack.

NOTE 2: Irrigation area - owners or occupiers may be exempt from all or part of the requirements of the above if, in the opinion of the authorised officer responsible for the area in which the land is located, there is no need to construct breaks on the irrigated land or non-irrigated land, not exceeding 20 hectares in area if surrounded by irrigated land.

## B) Rural Residential Zone

The owners of all existing small rural holdings zoned "Rural/Residential" under Town Planning Schemes, must maintain a firebreak, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.

The owners of existing and future small rural holdings - Rural/Residential lots within the Zone 4 Irrigation Area must maintain a firebreak, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the lots. Lots under irrigation within Zone 4 may be eligible for a variation upon application.

## C) Urban Land (Residential, Special Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Rural) Land within Waroona, Preston Beach & Hamel townsites)

In respect of land owned or occupied by you within the above townsites or any area subdivided for other purposes, you shall:

- a) where that area of land is 2500 square metres or less, clear all flammable material on the land except living standing trees or shrubs, from the whole of the land; and
- b) where the area of land exceeds 2500 square metres, provide firebreaks, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land, or: Clear all flammable material on the land except living standing trees or shrubs from the whole of the land.

Where several adjoining lots are held or used by the owner/occupier, the firebreaks may be provided inside, along the external boundaries of the group of lots.

## D) Fuel and/or Gas Depots

In respect of land owned or occupied by you on which is situated any container normally used to contain liquid or gas fuel, including the land on which any ramp or supports are constructed, you shall maintain the land clear of all flammable materials.

## E) Fire Protection of Private Hard/Softwood Plantations Definitions and Specifications

**Plantations** - Any area of planted Pines or Eucalyptus species exceeding 3 hectares.

**Windbreaks** - Will be defined as planted areas not exceeding 15 metres in depth with an unrestricted length.

**Firebreaks** - 15 metres Boundary Break. The first row of trees must be at least 15 metres from the outside edge of the break. The outer 10 metres of the firebreak must be cleared of all flammable material and will have a 10 metres vertical clearance, i.e. with no overhanging branches. The remaining 5 metres must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e. short grass may be considered a low fuel.

**Minimum Firebreak Standards** - The following firebreak standards will apply for plantations:

Firebreaks constructed 15 metres wide (as per definition) on the boundaries of plantations or on such other location as may be agreed between the Shire of Waroona and the plantation owner.

Firebreaks clear of all flammable material 6 metres wide should surround compartments of approximately 30 hectares.

All firebreaks must be maintained in trafficable conditions and trees on both sides of breaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres to allow unrestricted access of maintenance and firefighting equipment and so as to maintain an effective width of firebreak. Where power lines pass through plantation areas firebreaks as per Western Power specifications must be provided.

## F) Camping & Cooking Fires (Section 25 Bush Fires Act)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (1a) of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, the lighting of fires in the open air in the district, outside of townsites and away from designated barbecue/picnic areas, within the Shire of Waroona for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited during the prohibited burning times December 15th to March 14th, inclusive.

## SPECIAL WORK ORDERS

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard for fire prevention work to protect both individual property and the district in general. Council or authorised officers retain the ability to issue Special Work Orders pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, to individual landowners should additional works be necessary for a potential fire hazard that may exist on a property.

*Burning off of lots is not recommended. Owners, occupiers of lots within Preston Beach townsite are required to reduce fire hazards by means of slashing vegetation.*