



# Bushfire Safety

For Emergency Warnings and Incident  
information go to [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

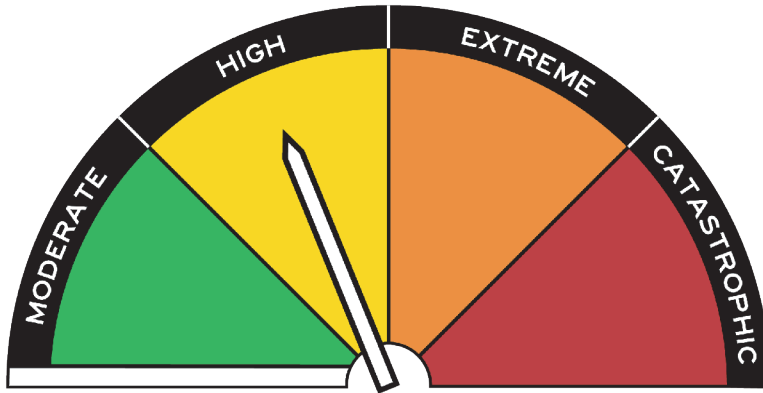
To report all fires or emergencies  
**Phone 000**



# Understanding Fire Danger Ratings

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'.

City of Kalamunda's Fire Danger Rating can be found under Swan Inland South.



## MODERATE

Plan and prepare

## HIGH

Be ready to act

## EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

## CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas



# Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Get to know your Fire Danger Ratings - visit [www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#firedangerratings](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#firedangerratings)

## Restricted Burning Times

May be amended by local conditions if required. Please refer to the City of Kalamunda Website for Fire Danger Ratings.

### Dates (inclusive)

1 October to 30 November

1 December to 31 March

1 April to 31 May

### Burning

Restricted – Permits Required

All Burning Prohibited

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# What can I burn?

Burning Information is subject to seasonal changes. Please check with the City of Kalamunda.

	1 December to 31 March PROHIBITED PERIOD	1 April to 31 May RESTRICTED PERIOD	1 June to 30 September OPEN PERIOD	1 October to 30 November RESTRICTED PERIOD
1m <sup>3</sup> Garden Refuse (6pm and 11pm)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood and Solid Fuel Barbecue, Pizza Oven	Yes, conditions below*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grass, Paddocks, Bonfire, Bush**	No	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED	Yes	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED
Pallets, Tyres, General Rubbish/Junk, Anything CCA Treated***	No	No	No	No

\* No burning permitted on days when the Fire Danger Rating is High or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared. Gas or electric barbecues are permitted. For the purposes of cooking only.

\*\*Please do not burn wet or green garden refuse. If your fire has wet material or is otherwise poorly managed, it can lead to excessive levels of smoke and can result in a neighbourhood nuisance. If the level of smoke is deemed to be creating a nuisance the City may issue an infringement.

\*\*\* Burning CCA treated wood creates toxic smoke that can be hazardous to health



**For more information go to**  
**[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning)**

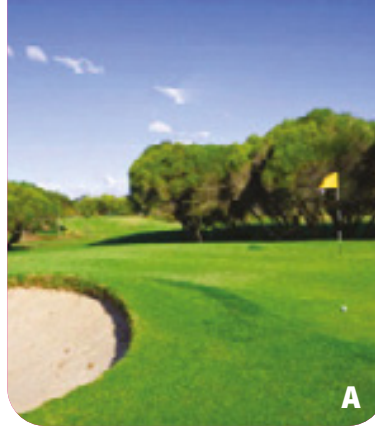
## Burning Periods

# Be ready by November 1

- As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires and pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, property owners and/or occupiers of land within the City of Kalamunda, are required before 1 November to comply with the conditions as specified in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. This can be found at [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au).
- The applicable works as outlined in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice must be completed before 1 November annually and maintained up to and including 31 March the following year.

## Low Threat Minimal Fuel Vegetation

Minimal fuel condition means there is insufficient fuel available to significantly increase the severity of the bushfire attack. Low-threat vegetation includes grassland managed in a minimal fuel condition, maintained lawns, golf courses, maintained public reserves and parklands, vineyards, orchards, cultivated gardens, commercial nurseries, nature strips, and windbreaks. Properties of this description will still be assessed under this Notice and can apply for a variation.



A



B



C



D

- A) Golf Course
- B) Open space with mowed grass
- C) Orchard with mowed understorey
- D) Rocky outcrop

**Failure to comply may result in a fine up to \$5,000**

# Firebreaks



Example of acceptable firebreak



Example of unacceptable firebreak

A strip of land free of all flammable and combustible material with the intention of preventing the outbreak of a bush fire and provides visible safe access on the property for emergency vehicles and other firefighting operations. It is acceptable to install a firebreak around naturally occurring obstacles.

There are many ways to achieve the requirements and property owners can consider seeking professional advice from a contractor and/or Community Bush Fire Preparedness Officer.

## Variations:

If you consider it impractical to clear or construct firebreaks and/or carry out other fire prevention work in accordance with the City of Kalamunda Fire Hazard Reduction Notice, you must complete an application form and apply for a Variation.

Requests for Variations must be submitted before 1 October. An administration fee of \$150 applies to applications received after 1 October up until 31 March the following year.

Refer to [www.kalamunda.wa.gov](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov) for more information.

## A firebreak is:

- To a width of 3 metres wide.
- To a height clearance of 4 metres.
- Free of all flammable and combustible material.
- Must have a corner turning radius of up to 10 meters
- Continuous (no dead ends) and trafficable
- Installed as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land

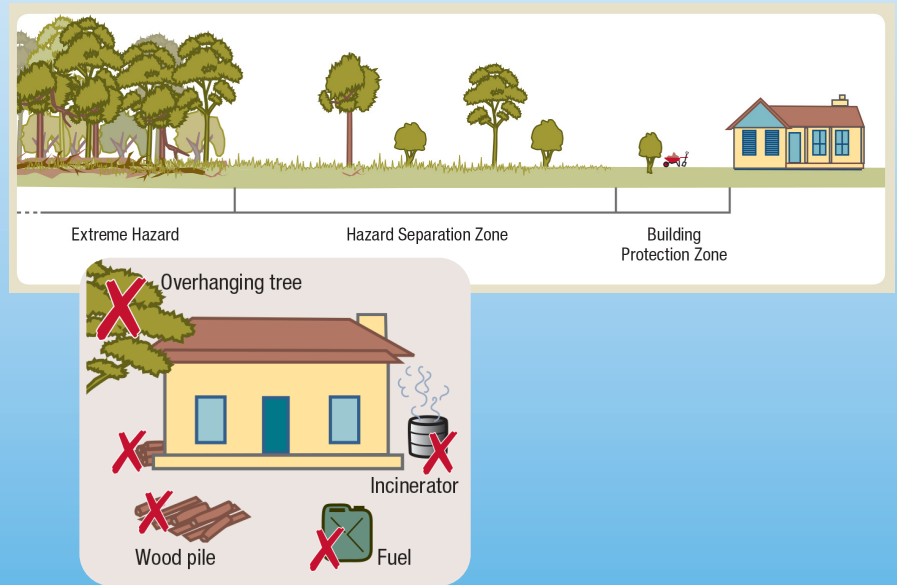
**Firebreaks must be installed and maintained from  
1 November to 31 March**

**1 November / Firebreaks**

# Urban Property Preparedness - Best Practice

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is an area extending 20 metres from the furthest point around an asset building where there is reduced flammable material. This means there is less material that can catch fire, improving the defendability of a property.

- ❑ Maintain a fuel reduced zone around all buildings or assets of value which extends 20 metres from the outermost point of the building or asset and maintained to no more than 2 tonne per hectare. Dead grass, dead shrubs and dead plants shall be slashed, mowed, or trimmed down to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property. Ensure gutters, roofs and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter.
- ❑ Trees over 5 metres in height must be under pruned up to 2 metres off the ground.
- ❑ Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of the asset must be pruned so that they have an overall height of no greater than 2 metres.



# Regional and Rural Property Preparedness - Best Practice

## Fire-Breaks

Install or upgrade a 3-metre-wide by 4-metre-high clearance free of all flammable and combustible material, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire-break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land. A reticulated and maintained green lawn may be accepted in lieu of a firebreak - must remain green throughout the fire season.

## Dead Flammable Wood

Maintain all dead flammable material below 8 tonne per hectare.

## Slashing

Dead grass, dead shrubs, and dead plants shall be slashed, mowed, or trimmed down to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property.

## Clean Gutter Debris

Ensure gutters, roofs and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter.

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Trees over 5 metres in height must be under pruned up to 2 metres.

Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of the asset must be pruned so that they have an overall height of no greater than 2 metres.

## Asset Protection Zones

# Property Preparedness - Best Practice

## Pre-Season Property Preparedness and Compliance

- City of Kalamunda Community Bushfire Preparedness Officers are available to attend to private properties prior to the bushfire season to give advice and guidance in preparing land and/or property for the requirements of the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.
- If you require further information, contact the City of Kalamunda on 08 9257 9999 or via [enquires@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquires@kalamunda.wa.gov.au) to organise a property visit by one of the Community Bushfire Preparedness Officers.

## Pets and Livestock

- Do you have a plan for your pets and animals? If you have livestock on a property in a high-risk area, consider either moving them to a safer location during the fire season or leaving them in well-grazed paddocks with supplementary feed.
- Visit City of Kalamunda website for further information on pets and Livestock <https://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/residents/pets-livestock/in-an-emergency>

## Water Supply and Pumps

- If you choose to stay and defend your home, you need to have an independent water supply and pumping capability ready as scheme water may not be available due to infrastructure damage, power cuts or firefighting activity.

## Total Fire Ban

Total Fire Bans (TFBs) are declared by the Minister for Emergency Services on advice from DFES. TFBs are made based on weather conditions and firefighting capability. It is declared by the Minister for Emergency Services on advice from DFES.

The ban includes all open fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

An exemption may be granted if you can show you are taking proper steps to prevent any fire spreading, and can control and put out any fire that may start.

Exemptions can cover specific times and locations and can be changed or cancelled at any time.

Further information can be found at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au).



# Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is a ban that individual local governments are responsible for issuing under the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954 Section 38A, and/or Section 24C*.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are issued by City of Kalamunda and are put in place when the Chief Bushfire Control Officer identifies the use of engines, vehicles, plant, or machinery as high bushfire risk activities. A Harvest and vehicle Movement Ban may be issued at any time of the day.

**It is the responsibility as a property owner or resident to be aware of any bans in place before undertaking an agricultural activity including harvesting as you could be fined. But more seriously, you would be responsible for putting your property, family, and community in danger.**

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban can be in place for any length of time. It is most likely to be imposed during the 'heat of the day'. The City can extend or cancel this at any time if weather conditions change.



# Alternate Options to Burning

## Skip Bins

City of Kalamunda residents can select from either a general waste skip bin (blue) or green waste skip bin (green). Households are entitled to any combination of up to three skip bins per financial year (excludes commercial and industrial premises). Both the general and green waste skip bins are three (3) cubic metres.

Households that meet the following criteria can be entitled to an additional green waste bin(s) only to assist with bush fire management.

- One (1) additional green waste bin is available for properties between 2000m<sup>2</sup> – 5000m<sup>2</sup>
- Two (2) additional green waste bins are available for properties over 5000m<sup>2</sup>

The green waste from the green skip bins is mulched and reused, reducing the amount.

For more information please visit:  
[www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/waste](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/waste)

## Green Skip Bin

GREEN WASTE ONLY

Accepted items include:

Green waste

Tree pruning  
(Cut to 1.5m lengths)

Do not put green waste  
inside plastic bags.  
No plastic allowed.

## Blue Skip Bin

GENERAL WASTE

Accepted items include:

Large household items

Furniture (dismantled)

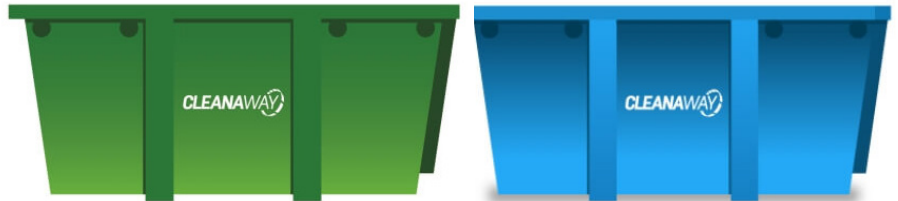
Timber and treated pine  
up to 1.5m in length

Capacity 3.0m<sup>3</sup>

Length 2.4m

Depth 1.2m

Height 1.0m



## Ordering Skip Bins

To order or enquire about skip bins please go to [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au) or phone 9449 3332.

## Walliston Transfer Station

155 Lawnbrook Road, Walliston  
Telephone: 9291 3896

Walliston Transfer station is closed when a Vehicle and Harvest Movement Ban has been issued.

City of Kalamunda residents and ratepayers do not pay fees for non-commercial use of the Walliston Transfer Station. To gain free access, you will need to bring your Entry Pass along with Photo Identification with residential address (i.e. Drivers Licence).

A Vehicle Permit Scheme applies to City of Kalamunda residents/ratepayers who use vans, trucks, branded or sign-written vehicles and/or trailers. Fees will apply for commercial use.

## City SMS Register

The City of Kalamunda has established an Emergency Management SMS System to help notify residents of the latest bushfire safety and emergency management information.

Visit [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/residents/prepare/city-sms-register](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/residents/prepare/city-sms-register) for more information and to register.

### Need some assistance?

For the latest information, news and alerts contact

**Emergency WA** – [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

**City of Kalamunda** – [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire)

**Fire, Police and Ambulance** – 000

**SES Assistance** – 132 500

**Department of Fire & Emergency Services** – 13 33 37  
[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) and on twitter [www.twitter.com/dfes\\_wa](http://www.twitter.com/dfes_wa)

**ABC News** – Local Radio – ABC 720 (and ABC 24 TV)  
[www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa](http://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa)

**Bureau of Meteorology** – [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or 9263 2222

**Parks & Wildlife Service** – [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

**Western Power** – 13 13 51

**Main Roads – road closure information**  
[www.travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map](http://www.travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map) or 13 81 38



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## EMERGENCY.WA.GOV.AU

Emergency WA is the State's official website for community warnings and other emergency information. Here you will find alerts and warnings about fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, hazardous material incidents and traffic crashes.

### On the Emergency WA you will find information to:

- Access Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans.
- Links to information on preparing for an emergency, and recovery after an emergency.
- A Google Maps display showing the location of active emergency incidents and warnings across Western Australia.
- A feed of all fire, rescue, and other incidents.
- Information about active prescribed burns being undertaken by government agencies and private landowners.

To report all fires  
or emergencies  
**Phone 000**