

FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

2023 - 2024

First and final notice - Deadline 29th October 2023

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

Firebreaks must be installed and maintained clear of flammable materials from
29 OCTOBER 2023 up to and including 15 APRIL 2024

RURAL LAND

Land other than that within the Dongara Port Denison and Irwin Town Sites:

- 1.1 Maintain an Asset Protection Zone (APZ).
- 1.2 Have firebreaks not less than 3 metres in width and within 50 metres of the perimeter of any building/haystack or groups of buildings/haystacks situated on the land. Such firebreaks must completely encircle the building and/or hay stack.
- 1.3 Have firebreaks not less than 5 metres in width around all unattended motors and uncleared land that is in contact with a boundary.
- 1.4 All landowners in the **Urban/Rural Interface Area** (All land south from Mt Horner West Road, west of Water Supply Road and Pettit Lane and thereafter south and west of Brand Highway to Kailis Drive) have the option of either installing and maintaining a 3 metre wide firebreak, or a 20 metre wide slashed or heavily grazed firebreak to a maximum height of 100mm immediately inside and along all boundaries of land.
- 1.5 Ensure minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres is maintained along all firebreaks to reduce fire truck obstruction.

TOWN SITE LAND

Land situated within the Town Sites of Dongara Port Denison and Irwin:

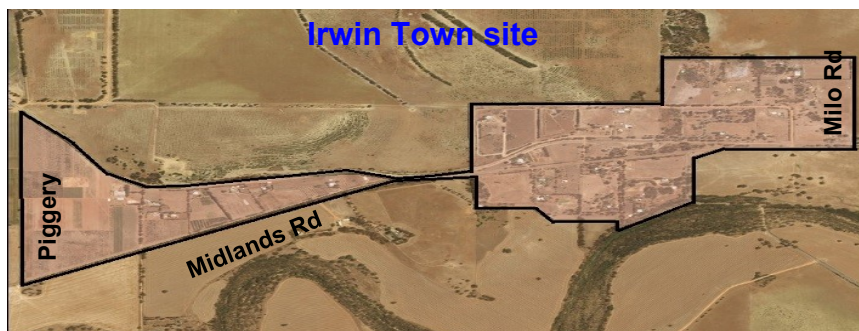
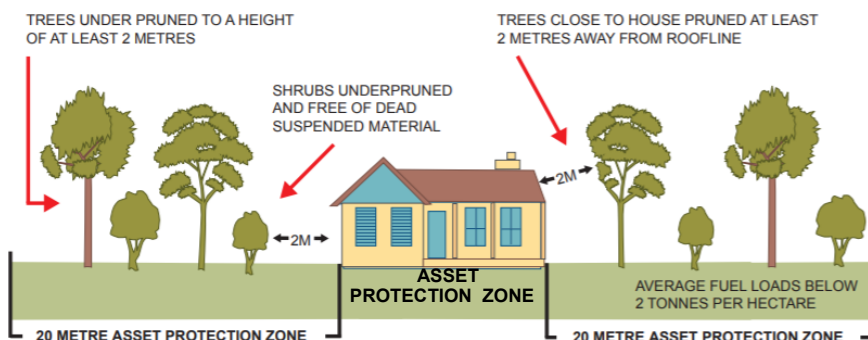
- 2.1 Maintain an Asset Protection Zone (APZ).
- 2.2 Have vacant land cleared of all flammable material (Slashed to a maximum height of 100mm) where the area of the land is 5000 square metres or less.
- 2.3 Have firebreaks not less 3 metres in width immediately inside and along all boundaries of land exceeding 5000 square metres in area.
- 2.4 Have firebreaks not less than 5 metres in width around all uncleared land that is in contact with a boundary.
- 2.5 Ensure minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres is maintained along all firebreaks to reduce fire truck obstruction.

ASSET PROTECTION ZONES (APZ)

An Asset Protection Zone for habitable buildings extends a minimum of 20 metres out from any external walls of the building, attached structures, or adjacent structures within 6 metres of the habitable building (See below example):

- Should consist of managed vegetation, reticulated lawns and gardens and other non-flammable features.
- Grass recommended to be maintained to or under 50mm in height.

Note: All properties that are subject to a pre-approved Bushfire Management Plan with the establishment of an APZ must maintain this APZ to the required standard at all times.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://www.irwin.wa.gov.au/fire-break-notice>

VARIATIONS TO FIREBREAK NOTICE

If it is impracticable to clear firebreaks or to remove flammable material from the land, you may apply in writing to the Shire by 25 September for an alternative solution.

FIRE INFORMATION 2023 - 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

FIREBREAKS

Required between 29 October and 15 April
(inclusive)

BURNING PERIODS: (Inclusive)

RESTRICTED - 15 October to 31 October

PROHIBITED - 1 November to 28 February

RESTRICTED - 1 March to 7 April

UNRESTRICTED - 8 April to 14 October

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



Keep up to date and check Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans on www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Make a Bushfire Plan Today
<https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/>

BURN PERMITS

When to obtain permits

Permits are required for burning of windrows, stubble, grass or bush at any time during the **RESTRICTED** burning periods. Permits are required for all areas. **No burning is permitted on a High or above Fire Danger Rating day during the Restricted burning period.**

How to obtain permits

Permits can be obtained from the Shire Office or from your local Permit Issuing Officer listed below. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the lot number and street name of the property for which the permit is to apply.

TOWNSITE AREAS

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| SHIRE OFFICE | 9927 0000 |
| Community Ranger | (M) 0427 110 237 |
| M Butcher | (M) 0408 956 741 |
| G Crabb | (M) 0427 150 072 |
| H Campbell | (M) 0427 931 058 |
| S Boyd | (M) 0427 366 557 |

RURAL AREAS

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| A Gillam | (M) 0427 717 174 |
| G Crabb | (M) 0427 150 072 |
| P Summers | (M) 0429 086 270 |

CAMPFIRES - PROHIBITED 1 October to 30 April

GARDEN REFUSE BURNING

PROHIBITED BURNING SEASON

No garden refuse is permitted to be burnt during the prohibited burning season.

RESTRICTED BURNING SEASON

Small heaps (up to one cubic metre) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm BUT ONLY AFTER a 5 metre wide, fire-break has been cleared around the fire and at least one able bodied person is in attendance at all times. A permit is not required under these conditions.

BARBEQUES

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted at any time. **Solid fuel barbecues and pizza ovens are PROHIBITED on DFES declared Total Fire Ban Days or days of High, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating.**

HARVESTING OPERATIONS

No person shall operate harvesting machinery during the **RESTRICTED or PROHIBITED** burning period on any land unless they have a mobile and operational fire fighting unit with a capacity of at least 400 litres, situated in or immediately adjacent to each paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted. Harvesting operations are **PROHIBITED** on Christmas day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. It is mandatory for all operators of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Irwin Harvest & Off-Road Activity Ban SMS service.

REGISTERING YOUR BURN

Please don't forget to register all burns during the Restricted and Un-Restricted Burning Periods with the DFES Communications Centre on **08 9395 9209**.

Failure to comply with this Firebreak Notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000.

A person is also liable to pay the direct costs of performing the work specified in this Notice. Penalties also apply for offenses related to burning.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 000 (in case of fire)

Shire of Irwin: Community Ranger 0427 110 237
Administration 9927 0000

In the event of not being able to contact anyone on these numbers, please refer to the Permit Issuing Officers listed above.