City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

# **Fire Break Notice**

As a measure to assist in the control of bush fires, and to prevent the spread or extension of a bush fire, all owners and/or occupiers of land within the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder district are required before the 1<sup>st</sup> October, or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land thereafter, must clear firebreaks or take measures in accordance with this notice to maintain those firebreaks and measures up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **General Requirements**

All owners and/or occupiers of land within the district of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder must clear all flammable matter from the land in accordance with the following requirements;

**Land which is 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> or less** in area shall be required to follow the general fire hazard reduction measures as stated in this notice.

Land which is 5,001 m<sup>2</sup> or greater in area shall be required to have a trafficable firebreak three (3) metres in width cleared immediately inside all external boundaries of the land to mineral earth or to the satisfaction of an authorised person.

## General Fire Hazard Reduction Measures

All owners/occupiers are required to reduce fire hazards on their property as far as reasonably practicable over the entire area of land. This can be achieved by clearing all "flammable matter" to a height of no more than 50mm, or to the satisfaction of an authorised person, and all clearing must be done in accordance with the Act. Fire Hazard Reduction Orders will be issued where owners/ occupiers have failed to reduce fire hazards on their property to a satisfactory state in the opinion of an authorised person.



Vacant residential lot **(5,000 m<sup>2</sup> or less)** correctly slashed. Flammable material removed and slashed to 50mm or less



Vacant residential lot **(5,000 m<sup>2</sup> or less)** showing overgrown vegetation requiring slashing



Vacant residential lot (5,000 m<sup>2</sup> or less) correctly slashed



Vacant residential lot **(5,000 m<sup>2</sup> or less)** showing overgrown vegetation requiring slashing/mowing



Firebreak installed on land **(5,001 m<sup>2</sup> or greater)** showing good, wide, clear boundary firebreak



Property (5,001 m<sup>2</sup> or greater) with no firebreak installed

Amendments to the above requirements

If an owner or occupier of land within the district of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is unable to comply with the requirements of this notice, that owner or occupier may request in writing to the City to undertake alternative measures to enable compliance.



#### ALLOWED 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> September

Burn off during Low-Moderate or High Rating





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#### 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March Cannot burn off during any rating

## **Permit Not Required to Burn Off**

- Can only be lit between 6pm and 11pm
- Notice of intention must be given to the City's Bush Fire Control Officers
  - Notice of intention must be given to Neighbours

#### UPON GROUND

• Cleared 5 metre radius from all bush or other inflammable material **APPROVED INCINERATOR** (designed to prevent esacpe of sparks)

- Cleared 2 metre radius from any building or fence
- Cleared 2 metre radius from all inflammable material

### **Permit Requried to Burn Off**

- Can only be lit between 6pm and 11pm (same day as permit)
- Notice of intention must be given to Neighbours

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### **Cannot Burn Off**

All burning is prohibited

Burning Off is **PROHIBITED** during times of **VERY HIGH**, **SEVERE**, **EXTREME** and **CATASTROPHIC** Fire Weather Ratings

### The following restrictions apply at all times throughout the year



No burning off on Sunday or Public Holidays.



All neighbouring property occupiers must be informed of the burning off before commencement.



No burning of garden waste, refuse or offensive materials at any time.



An Authorised Person must be informed of the burning off before



No burning off contrary to the provisions of the City's Health Local Law.



Authorised burning off is undertaken between the hours of 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm.



Local Fire Station Officers must be informed of the burning off before commencement.

## Compliance

 In addition to the requirements of this notice, further works which are considered necessary by an authorised person may be required as appointed in writing in a subacquent nation addressed to the land aways as recorded by the City.

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- Where the owner or occupier of the land fails or neglects to comply with the requirements of this notice or a subsequent notice addressed to the land owner, an authorised person may enter onto and upon the land with any workmen, contractors, vehicles and machinery as required to carry out the requisitions of the notice at the expense of the land owner. Where the City is required to act in default, the land will be cleared in accordance with this notice or at the discretion of an authorised person.
- 3. Failure to comply with this notice and subsequent written notices may result in penalties being issued or court action and the liability for any costs incurred by the City in relation to works undertaken on behalf of the land owner.

## For more information regarding bushfire saftey please visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au

"Act" means the Bush Fires Act 1954; "Authorised Person" means a person authorised in accordance with S.9.10 of the Local Government Act 1995 by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. "City" means the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. "Flammable Matter" includes all form of vegetation both living and dead, and any other flammable materials and combustible matter; "Firebreak" means ground which is cleared to a mineral earth standard in which all flammable material (which includes vegetation and with all overhanging branches, trees, limbs, etc. to be trimmed back clear of the Firebreak area) has been removed and on which no flammable material (which includes vegetation) is permitted during the Firebreak period and the Firebreak must be the required width. "Firebreak Period" means the time from 1st October until 30<sup>th</sup> April; "Trafficable" means able to be driven around, unhindered, in a standard four-wheel drive vehicle.