

Approval to Burn

City approval is required prior to burning within the district.

Outside the Prohibited Burning Period, the City may issue approval to burn on land.

Approvals are issued for a period of up to seven days and always expire on the Sunday.

An application/exemption for approval to burn must be completed and submitted to the City at least three business days prior to the intended burn period.

To download an application/exemption for approval to burn, please visit: canning.wa.gov.au

2 November to 14 December	Restricted Burning	Permits required
15 December to 31 March	Prohibited Burning	No Burning - Penalties Apply
1 April to 30 April	Restricted Burning	Permits required
1 May to 1 November	Restricted Burning	Exemption required. Application fee applies.

Total Fire Ban

A Total Fire Ban effects everyone, whether you live near bush or in a built up area.

They are declared on days when fires will be difficult to control, are most likely to threaten lives and property, or when widespread fires are impacting the availability of resources.

When a Total Fire Ban is declared, it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any other activities that may start a fire.

For current alerts, warnings and to check if a Total Fire Ban is in place visit emergency.wa.gov.au or call DFES information line on 13 3337.

Did you know...

Restrictions apply to the lighting of fires on properties.

Additional Information

For additional information please call:

City of Canning Ranger and Community Safety Services on **1300 4 CANNING (1300 422 664)** or visit canning.wa.gov.au



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Locked Bag 80, Welshpool WA 6986



If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on 131 450.

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Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice & Important Fire Information



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Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice

Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 33 (1)

As a measure for preventing the outbreak of a bush fire, or for preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur, all owners and occupiers of land within the City's district are required to comply with the requirements of this notice.

Land zoned 'Rural' or 'Special Rural'

On or before the 1st day in November in each year, all owners or occupiers of land zoned 'Rural' or 'Special Rural' under the City of Canning Town Planning Scheme No.42 (Scheme) are required to:

(a) Clear the land free of all flammable matter, except for living trees, shrubs, plants and lawns under cultivation, to a height no greater than 10cm; or

(b) Clear a bare earth three (3) metre wide firebreak around all buildings, immediately inside all external boundaries of each lot on the land and within 20 metres of all stockpiled flammable matter by removing all flammable matter and all vegetation within the three (3) metre wide firebreak between the ground and four (4) metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access. The firebreaks must be continuous with no dead ends.

The firebreaks and measures set out above must be maintained up to and including the 30th day of April in the following year.

All other land, that is land which is not zoned 'Rural' or 'Special Rural'

At all times throughout the year, all owners or occupiers of land zoned other than 'Rural' or 'Special Rural' under the scheme are required to clear and maintain the land free of all flammable matter, except for living trees, shrubs, plants and lawns under cultivation, to a height no greater than 10cm.

Flammable Matter

Flammable matter includes, but is not limited to, vegetation (except for living trees, shrubs, plants and lawns under cultivation), prunings, cardboard, wood, paper, general rubbish and any other combustible material.

Permission needed to vary requirements

If it is impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice, owners and occupiers may apply in writing to the City for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or take alternative measures.

Unless and until permission in writing is granted by the City, owners and occupiers shall comply with the requirements of this Notice.

Penalty for non-compliance

A person who fails to comply with the requisitions in this notice is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of \$5,000. In addition, where the owner or occupier of the land fails to comply with a notice given pursuant to section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the City may enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of the notice which have not been complied with. The City may recover the amount of any costs and expenses incurred in carrying out those requisitions as a debt due from the owner or occupier of the land.

Property Owner Notification

The City of Canning advises property owners of their legal responsibilities each year by way of advertising in the local newspaper, website and mailing of the Annual Hazard Reduction Notice with the residential rates notice.

Firebreak and Fire Hazard Inspections

The City of Canning is working towards ensuring all owners and occupiers of land within the district complete and maintain adequate fire hazard reduction measures.

Firebreak and Fire Hazard Inspections are conducted by Authorised Fire Control Officers to ensure compliance with the City's Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

Firebreak Contractors

For a list of contractors who may be willing to assist landowners comply with the Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. Please visit canning.wa.gov.au

Bush Fire Prone Zones

Bush Fire Prone Zones are areas identified by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner as being subject, or likely to be subject, to bush fire attack. A Bush Fire Prone Zone is identified by the presence of and proximity to bush fire prone vegetation. If you live in a designated Bush Fire Prone Zone you may be subject to additional planning and construction requirements.

