



FIRE BREAK ORDER

Bush Fire Act 1954

All owners and occupiers of land are required on or before 1 November every year to provide and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until 15 April of the following year, fire-breaks as stipulated in the manner described in the following schedule.

SCHEDULE

RURAL LAND

SMALL RURAL HOLDINGS

All rural properties equal to or less than 100 hectares in size are required to have constructed and maintained a 2.2 meter firebreak clear of all flammable material along all external boundaries or provision on the property of an operational independent mobile water filled fire-fighting unit with the water capacity of not less than 650 litres to be at the ready throughout the Prohibited and Restricted burning period.

***Note:** An exemption applies when the small landholding is managed by a neighbouring/ adjoining landholder for agricultural purposes and this information is to be provided to the Shire in writing by the landowner.*

BUILDINGS and HAYSTACKS

A fire-break of at least 4 metres wide and not more than 60 metres from the perimeter of all buildings (including temporary dwellings e.g. caravans) and/or haystacks or groups of buildings and/or haystacks so as to completely surround the buildings, haystacks and/or fuel dumps.

BULLDOZED BUSH

A fire-break 20 metres wide shall be maintained immediately inside the external boundaries of all land which has been bulldozed, chained or prepared in any similar manner for clearing by burning (whether it is intended to burn the bush or not).

STATIONARY PUMPS/MOTORS

A fire-break 4 metres wide shall be cleared and maintained around all stationary pumps and motors.

PLANTATIONS

All plantation firebreaks must be maintained.

***Note:** All new plantations and extensions to current plantations must have a minimum 6 metre fire break installed on all boundaries of the plantation.*

HARVESTING, HAY AND STRAW BALING OPERATIONS

During the period when harvesting and hay / straw baling operations are being conducted, there shall be provided in the same paddock or within 400 metres of that paddock, an operational independent mobile fire-fighting unit having a water capacity of not less than 650 litres. The tank of the unit shall be kept full of water at all times during the harvest operations. The responsibility to supply the unit being that of the landowner.



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OPERATION OF PLANT AND MACHINERY

During the restricted and prohibited burning times, **all MACHINERY and TRUCKS** shall not be operated on rural land unless fitted with a fire extinguisher.

On days of **HARVEST BANS** there shall be no movement of any vehicles within paddocks.

No Slashers or mowing equipment to be used during the Prohibited Burning period.

PADDOCK BURNS

At any time throughout the year, where a landowner intends to burn paddocks, the following must be provided to prevent escape of fire:

1. A fire-break 2.2 metres wide clear of all inflammable material completely surrounding the area to be burnt.
2. An operational fire-fighting unit having a capacity of not less than 650 litres.
3. Permits to burn may be required. Contact your Fire Control Officer for details.

TOWNSITE LAND

- All lots with an area of 2.012ha (5 acres) or less, shall be clear of all inflammable material or have grass mown to a height no greater than 15cm.
- All lots or combination of lots that comprise of one holding and having an area greater than 2.012ha (5 acres) shall be either clear of all inflammable material or have a firebreak 2.2 metres wide free of all inflammable material inside and along all external boundaries.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FUEL DUMPS

You shall remove all flammable materials or material likely to become flammable during summer from land occupied by bulk storage tanks and/or drums used for storage of liquid fuel whether the bulk storage tanks and/or drums contain liquid or not. This includes the land on which ramps for holding the drums are constructed. The flammable free ground must be maintained to a distance of at least 4 metres outside the perimeter of any drum, stack of drums or drum ramp or bulk storage tank.

VARIATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS

For permission to provide fire-breaks in alternative positions or by alternative date or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land, an application must be made no later than 14 days prior to the date fire-breaks are required. If permission is not granted by the Shire or its duly authorised officer, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice.



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PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$1,000. If the owner or occupier fails to carry out the works required by this Fire-break Order the Shire of Beverley may enter the land and prepare the fire-breaks at the cost of the owner or occupier.

BURNING

If the requirements of this notice are carried out for burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

During the Easter Holiday period no person shall light a fire in a paddock without prior consent of a Fire Control Officer.

ANGLE GRINDERS AND WELDERS

The use of angle grinders, welders or similar equipment should be undertaken with extreme caution and there shall be in attendance an operational fire fighting appliance. (The use of this equipment is not permitted on days on which a fire ban has been declared).

HARVEST BAN HOTLINE

9646 0145

AVAILABLE 24/7