

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING PERIODS

The **Restricted Burning Period** runs in two parts: the first from **1 October to 30 November** annually, and the second part from **1 April to 31 May** annually. During the Restricted Burning Period, a permit (see 'Permits' below) is required from the Shire before any burning operations can be carried out, including the burning of rubbish and garden refuse.

The **Prohibited Burning Period** runs from **1 December to 31 March** annually.

No burning is allowed for any reason during this period, including open cooking, campfires, or the burning of rubbish and garden refuse.

Residents should note that the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods may be extended by the chief bushfire control officer due to unseasonal weather conditions. Any extensions will be advertised on our website and social media, in local newspapers, and through the Shire's Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban SMS notification service.

If in doubt about the status of the current burning period or the restrictions/requirements that apply, please contact us.

Operating plant and machinery has additional requirements under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* during the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.

Harvesting Operations (including Stubble Processing)

The Shire will permit harvesting operations, including stubble processing, during the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times on the following conditions:

- That a fully operational firefighting unit (inclusive of associated pump, hose system and a minimum of 600 litres of water is present) at all times.
- Harvesting operations, and stubble processing, are not permitted when the Shire has declared a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban, including Hot Works Activities.

In addition to the conditions above, Harvesting Operations (including stubble processing) on Sundays and Public Holidays will be permitted on the following conditions,

- The local Fire Control Officer (FCO) is notified.
- Two able-bodied adult persons are present during the harvesting operations, only one of whom may be harvesting. Failing to comply with Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period conditions can result in fines or prosecution.

PERMITS

During the Restricted Burning Period, a permit must be obtained from the Shire prior to any burning activity commencing. Permits will only be issued initially for primary producer requirements. Permits will not be issued for social occasions, garden refuse or for burning which can be reasonably deferred or avoided until fire weather conditions improve.

Considering applying for a permit? Please ensure that you have read and understand all of the information on this page before proceeding, as it will assist with the completion of your application form.

If granted, all conditions on a permit must be strictly adhered to. Failing to obtain a permit or breaching permit conditions can result in fines or prosecution under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

During the second (Autumn) portion of the Restricted Burning Period, permit preference will be given to primary producers for crop preparation purposes.

Permits will have a maximum 7-day duration, with an exception for bonafide, broad acre stubble-burning crop preparation operations. Permits for these activities may be applied for a maximum duration of 14 days.

All permits are automatically void on:

- Sundays
- Public holidays (including Easter Saturday)
- Days of High, Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger, as forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology for the Swan Inland North district
- Total Fire Ban or Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban periods
- Days when a *Bush Fires Act* Section 46 declaration has been made

Permits require you to notify adjoining landholders/occupiers (usually between 4 and 28 days before burning). You must also notify DFES to ensure the burn is correctly displayed on the [Emergency WA website](#), prior to and for the duration of burning. Burning within 3km of Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) land requires additional notification to DBCA. Other permit conditions will include, but are not limited to, minimum firefighting water and equipment and minimum personnel for supervision until fully extinguished.