

Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers

For an up-to-date list of Fire Control Officers and their contact information, please contact the Shire of 9951 7000 or Shire Website:

<http://www.carnamah.wa.gov.au/>

Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban

(Regulation 24C of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954)

Controlled by Local Government but must be implemented when the Fire Behaviour Index is 40 or above. Movements for feeding/watering stock exempted.

Total Fire Ban

(Section 22A of the Bush Fires Act 1954)

(Regulation 24A of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954)

Declared by the Minister through DFES when very dangerous fire weather conditions exist or where extensive fires are burning. When such a declaration has been made, no person may light a fire.

Restricted Burning Period

(Section 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954)

(Regulation 15, 15A, 15B and 15C of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954)

Fires can be lit during this time, however a Permit to Burn is required to be obtained from a Permit Issuing Officer. Burning is not permitted on Public Holidays during this period.

Prohibited Burning Period

(Section 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954)

There are certain exceptions to the lighting of fires during the Prohibited Burning Period but, in general, no fires should be lit during this time.

Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares

Construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions for rural land).

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Must comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in the Western Australia Guideline for Plantation Fire Protection. A copy is available from the Shire of Carnamah upon request.

PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250
Failure of Occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100

Permits will be issued from the Shire Administration Office, Carnamah.

You MUST have a copy of the permit on you during the burn



Fire Break Notice

(2023/2024)

Section 33 B F A

Prohibited Burning Period

1 November to 28 February

STRICTLY NO BURNING

Restricted Burning Period

19 September to 31 October

29 February to 31 March

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED



FIRST AND FINAL notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers *Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine.*

Harvesting Operations

No harvesting operations are permitted on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day** and **New Years Day**. A separate fire fighting fire appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, or for chaining, raking stubble,

straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump, and at least 15 metres of hose with a minimum diameter of 19 mm and capable of delivering water through an adjustable nozzle. This equipment is to be readily available to any paddock being harvested. All vehicles or machinery operating in a paddock during Restricted or Prohibited burning times must have a Fire Extinguisher as defined in the Act. A Fire Extinguisher means a device which comprises a container filled with at least 7.5 litres of water and a pump capable of discharging that water, and which is in a sound and efficient condition.

Harvesting and Movement Ban and Use of Internal Combustion Engines (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Behaviour Index of forty (40). All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

If a ban has been imposed, all persons registered will be sent a text message advising of details. All bans will still be broadcast on radio ABC Statewide AM band.

Note— Attention of landowners is drawn to the fact that this order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately with property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for Council in this matter.

Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this Notice may result in a \$5,000 fine

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Carnamah that fire-breaks must be installed on or by 1st October and maintained free of flammable material up to and including 31 March as per requirements in relation to Section 33 of the above.

PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCIL'S REQUIREMENTS

TOWNSITES

On or before 1st October all town lots within the town sites of Carnamah and Eneabba are required to be treated as follows:

- Where the area of land is less than 3,000m², the property must be cleared, mowed, slashed to a MAXIMUM height of 7.5 cm of all flammable material.
- Where the area of the land is 3,000m² or more, a firebreak must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied, and all flammable material must be cleared a distance of 3 meters from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until the 31 March.

FUEL PUMPS (FUEL DEPOTS)

On or before the 1st October all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such places where drum ramps are located and where drums, empty or full, are stored and such areas to be maintained cleared of grass and similar flammable material until 31 March.

FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC MOTORS AND HAY STACKS

Fire breaks must be made at least 3 metres in width completely surrounding and not more than 20 metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site.

UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS

All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor whether the motor is intended to be used or not.

RURAL LAND

Firebreaks must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied: where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries.

BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted any time. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are PROHIBITED on days of HIGH FIRE DANGER or above.

