

FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2025 - 2026

First and final notice - Deadline 31 October 2025
INSPECTIONS WILL COMMENCE - 1 NOVEMBER 2025

PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Irwin (Shire) are hereby required:

On or before 31 October 2025, to install and thereafter maintain up to and including 15 April 2026 fire breaks or fire control measures in accordance with this Notice.

RURAL LAND

Land other than that within the Dongara Port Denison and Irwin Town Sites:

- 1.1 Maintain an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) around all habitable buildings as specified in this Notice.
- 1.2 Install and maintain a 3 metre wide firebreak within 50 metres of the perimeter of any building/haystack or groups of buildings/haystacks situated on the land by clearing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 3 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground. Such firebreaks must completely encircle the building and/or hay stack.
- 1.3 Install and maintain a 5 metre wide firebreak around all unattended motors and uncleared land that is in contact with a boundary by clearing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 5 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.
- 1.4 All landowners in the **Urban/Rural Interface Area** (All land south from Mt Horner West Road, west of Water Supply Road and Pettit Lane and thereafter south and west of Brand Highway to Kailis Drive) must install and maintain either a 3 metre wide firebreak or a 20 metre wide slashed or heavily grazed firebreak to a maximum height of 100mm immediately inside and along all boundaries of land.

FLAMMABLE MATTER includes dry grass, leaves, bark, timber boxes, paper, rubbish and combustible matter, but does not include living trees and shrubs or plants under cultivation.

TOWN SITE LAND

Land situated within the Town Sites of Dongara Port Denison and Irwin:

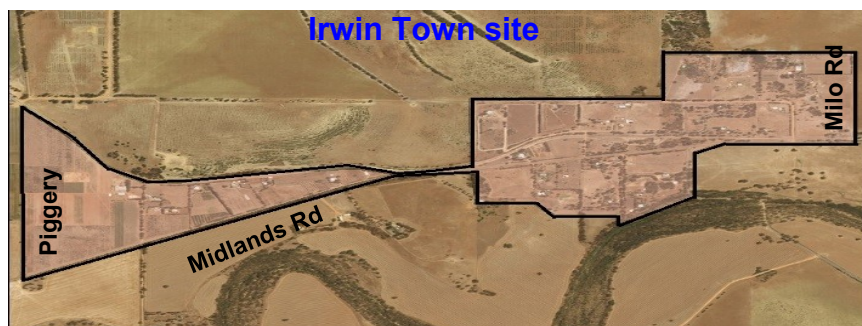
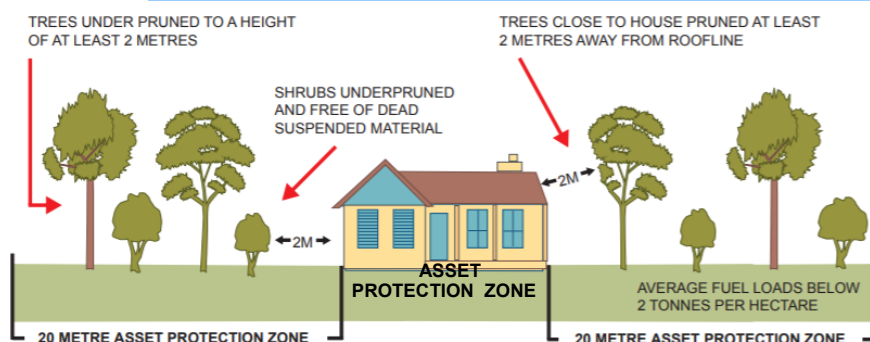
- 2.1 Maintain an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) around all habitable buildings as specified in this Notice.
- 2.2 Vacant land with an area of 5000 square metres or less must be cleared of all flammable material with any remaining grass or stubble not to exceed 100mm in height.
- 2.3 For all land exceeding 5000 square metres in area, install and maintain a 3 metre wide firebreak immediately inside and along all boundaries of the land by clearing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 3 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.
- 2.4 **Have firebreaks not less than 5 metres in width around all uncleared land that is in contact with a boundary.**

ASSET PROTECTION ZONES (APZ)

An Asset Protection Zone for a habitable building must extend a minimum of 20 metres from any external walls of the building, attached structures, or adjacent structures within 6 metres of the habitable building, and may only consist of:

- Trees pruned in accordance with the diagram below.
- Shrubs no closer than 2 metres to a habitable building or other structure within 6 metres of a habitable building.
- Reticulated lawns and gardens or other non-flammable features with grass maintained at or under 50mm in height.

Note: All properties that are subject to a pre-approved Bushfire Management Plan with the establishment of an APZ must maintain this APZ to the required standard at all times.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://www.irwin.wa.gov.au/fire-break-notice>

VARIATIONS TO FIREBREAK NOTICE

If it is impracticable to clear firebreaks or to remove flammable material from the land, you may apply in writing to the Shire by 25 September 2025 for an alternative solution.

FIRE INFORMATION 2025 - 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

FIREBREAKS

Required between 31 October and 15 April
(inclusive)

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

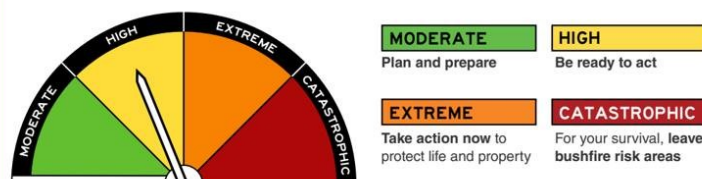
RESTRICTED - 15 October to 31 October

PROHIBITED - 1 November to 30 April

RESTRICTED - 1 May to 31 May

UNRESTRICTED - 1 June to 14 October

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



Keep up to date and check Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans on www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Make a Bushfire Plan Today
<https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/>

BURN PERMITS

When to obtain permits

Permits are required for burning of windrows, stubble, grass or bush at any time during the **RESTRICTED** burning times. Permits are required for all areas. **No burning is permitted on a High or above Fire Danger Rating day during the RESTRICTED burning times.**

How to obtain permits

Permits can be obtained from the Shire Office or from your local Permit Issuing Officer listed below. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the lot number and street name of the property for which the permit is to apply.

TOWNSITE AREAS

SHIRE OFFICE	9927 0000
Community Ranger	(M) 0427 110 237
M Butcher	(M) 0408 956 741
H Campbell	(M) 0427 931 058
S Boyd	(M) 0427 366 557

RURAL AREAS

A Gillam	(M) 0427 717 174
P Summers	(M) 0429 086 270

CAMPFIRES PROHIBITED 15 October to 31 May

GARDEN REFUSE BURNING

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

No garden refuse is permitted to be burnt during prohibited burning times.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Small heaps (up to one cubic metre) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm BUT ONLY AFTER a 5 metre wide, fire-break has been cleared around the fire and at least one able bodied person is in attendance at all times. A permit is not required under these conditions.

BARBEQUES

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time. **Solid fuel barbecues and pizza ovens are PROHIBITED on DFES declared Total Fire Ban Days or days of High, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating.**

HARVESTING OPERATIONS

No person shall operate harvesting machinery during the **RESTRICTED or PROHIBITED** burning times on any land unless they have a mobile and operational fire fighting unit with a capacity of at least 400 litres, situated in or immediately adjacent to each paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted. Harvesting operations are **PROHIBITED** on Christmas day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. It is mandatory for all operators of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Irwin Harvest & Off-Road Activity Ban SMS service. Email: reception@irwin.wa.gov.au

REGISTERING YOUR BURN

Please don't forget to register all burns during the Restricted and Un-Restricted Burning Times with the DFES Communications Centre on **08 9395 9209**.

Failure to comply with this Firebreak Notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000.

A person is also liable to pay the direct costs of performing the work specified in this Notice. Penalties also apply for offences related to burning.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 000 (in case of fire)

Shire of Irwin: Community Ranger 0427 110 237

Administration 9927 0000

In the event of not being able to contact anyone on these numbers, please refer to the Permit Issuing Officers listed above.