

FIREBREAK REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027

First and Final Notice



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 15 October 2026, to install and thereafter maintain up to and including 15 May 2027 fire breaks or fire control measures in accordance with this **Notice**. Further information can be found on the Shire of Irwin's website or scan the QR code above.

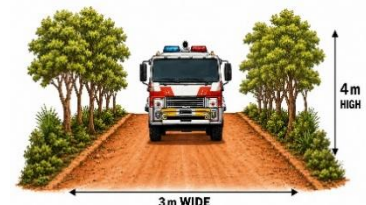
1 Oct – 15 May					16 May – 15 Oct						16 Oct – 15 May		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Oct	Nov	Dec
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FIREBREAK & FIRE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS BY PROPERTY SIZE

REQUIREMENT	Less than 5,000m ²	5,000m ² to 400,000m ² inclusive	Greater than 400,000m ²
Land shall be cleared of all flammable material with any remaining grass or stubble not to exceed 75mm in height.	✓		
Maintain a 20m circumference around all Assets where the land is clear of all flammable material and remaining grass or stubble not to exceed 75mm. No trees/shrubs over 2m high are to be within 2m of an Asset and no part of a tree is to overhand an Asset.		✓	✓
Install and maintain a 3m firebreak immediately inside and along all boundaries of the land OR a 20m wide slashed/heavily grazed firebreak to a maximum height of 100mm immediately inside and along all boundaries of land.		✓	
Install a Firebreak for all uncleared land that is in contact with a boundary and all land that has a boundary with a gazetted road.			✓

WHAT IS A FIREBREAK?

- A strip of property free of all flammable material with the intention of minimising the spread or extension of a bushfire while also providing safe access to the property for emergency vehicles.
- Must be installed with a continuous trafficable surface for a 4WD vehicle, be clear of any obstructions and must not terminate in a dead end.
- Firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods: Raking, burning, chemical spraying, ploughing, mulching, cultivating, scarifying, or other methods approved by an authorised officer.



	Flammable material: includes dry grass higher than 75mm, leaf litter, twigs and bark, timber, paper, rubbish and combustible matter.		For the purpose of this notice, trees, shrubs and plants in established gardens do not constitute flammable materials.		Assets: includes all buildings, structures, fuel storage, haystacks, stationary internal combustion engines, electric motors and pumps.
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BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS

All properties that require a Bushfire Management Plan because of a subdivision, development application or a Shire approved treatment plan must comply with the requirements of such plans in their entirety in addition to the requirements of this Notice.

ALTERNATE FIREBREAK NOTICE

- If you consider it impracticable or environmentally damaging to carry out the requirements set out in this Notice, you may apply to the Shire for an Alternate Firebreak in writing no later than 1 October 2026.
- Lodging an application does not suspend the requirement to comply with this Notice until the Shire approves the alternative in writing.
- Email your request to: reception@irwin.wa.gov.au

Important Dates

 **Firebreak/Hazard Reduction work to be completed by: 15 October 2026**

 **Firebreak/Hazard Reduction work to be maintained until: 15 May 2027**



PENALTIES

- Failure to comply with this Firebreak Notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000.
- Penalties also apply for offences relating to burning.



Owner/Occupiers may be liable to pay all costs associated with carrying out the work specified in this Notice as directed by the Local Government.

BURNING REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027



FIRE BURNING PERIODS

1 Jan - 28 Feb		1 Mar - 15 May			16 May - 30 Sept					1 - 31 Oct	1 Nov - 31 Dec	
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
PROHIBITED		RESTRICTED			UNRESTRICTED					RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED	

PERMIT TO BURN



A permit is required during **RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES** and

NO burning is permitted during **PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES**. Permits can be obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer which can be found on the Shire of Irwin's website or scan the QR code above.

When applying for a permit you will need to provide the lot number and street name of the property which the permit is to apply and you must be the landowner or occupier".

GARDEN REFUSE BURNING (On Private Land Only)

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Small heaps (up to 1m²) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6pm and 11pm BUT ONLY AFTER a 3m wide firebreak has been cleared around the fire and running water supply available with at least one able bodied person is in attendance at all times. The fire must be fully extinguished by midnight. No permit is required under these conditions.

Burning is not permitted on days of HIGH, EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC fire danger and on all days declared as a Total Fire Ban

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

NO garden refuse is permitted to be burnt during the **PROHIBITED** burning periods

BBQ & PIZZA OVENS



Solid fuel barbeques and pizza ovens are **PROHIBITED**

on days of HIGH, EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC fire danger and on all days declared as a Total Fire Ban.

Gas and electric barbeques can be operated at any time.



HARVESTING OPERATIONS

No person shall operate harvesting machinery during the **RESTRICTED** or **PROHIBITED** burning period on any land unless they have a mobile operational firefighting unit with a capacity of at least 400 litres, situated in or immediately adjacent to each paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted. Additionally:

- Harvesting operations are **PROHIBITED** on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.
- Each machine/vehicle operating in a paddock must also carry a fire extinguisher.
- It is **mandatory for all operators** of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Irwin Harvest & Off-Road Activity Ban SMS service.

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

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/>

For further information on anything contained in this brochure including details on Fire Control Officers please visit the Shire of Irwin's Website via the QR code Above

