

## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Applies from the **1st January to 31st December** each year (**Permanent Restricted Period**). PERMITS TO BURN ARE REQUIRED ALL YEAR ROUND. Permit to burn can be obtained by

- completing an online request form or
- contact Shire Rangers at 9175 8000.

Permits to burn must be obtained prior to lighting any fire.

**BURNING OF REFUSE, RUBBISH OR GARDEN WASTE IS PROHIBITED WITHIN ALL TOWN SITES** (unless in an approved incinerator)

## AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATINGS

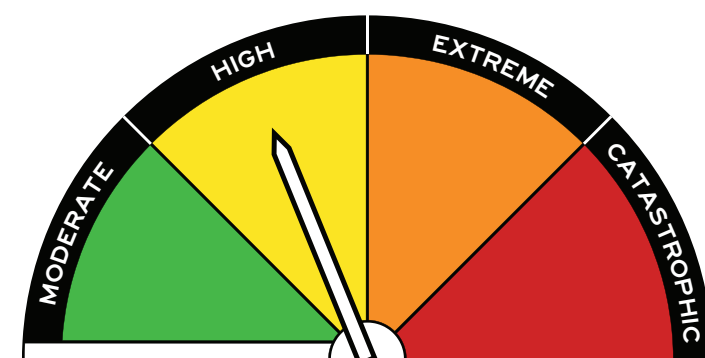
The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) was implemented on 1 September 2022. It aims to improve public safety, reduce bushfire impacts, and better support the community with nationally consistent ratings and messaging.

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start. They provide people with information so that they can take action to

protect themselves and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires.

Ratings are calculated using a combination of weather forecasting and vegetation information. They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring. Information on the current AFDRS is available at <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>.

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

## REPORTS OF FIRE

For all fire emergencies, dial “000” and provide full details to the operator.

All fires must be reported to Shire’s Bush Fire Control Officers - (08) 9175 8000. It is an offence not to report a fire that has occurred on your land (*Regulation 43 Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).

**Steven Harding**  
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of **EAST**  
**Pilbara**  
THE HEART OF THE PILBARA

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Notice to all owners/occupiers of land within the Shire of East Pilbara

## Fire Hazard Reduction Notice

Pursuant to Section 33 of the **Bush Fires Act 1954**, the Shire of East Pilbara (Shire) gives written notice to act as specified in this notice to land that you own and/or occupy, and with respect to any matter which is upon the land that you own and/or occupy within the Shire. Failure or neglect to comply with this notice is an offence and can result in a penalty of up to \$5,000. The Shire advises that its officers, servants, workmen, contractors, vehicles, machinery, and appliances (as the officers deem fit) may carry out the requisitions of this notice that are not complied with by the date specified above, and any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

**DEFINITIONS** - or the purpose of this Notice

- 1. Shire** - the Shire of East Pilbara
- 2. Authorised Officer** - a Shire of East Pilbara appointed Bush Fire Control Office
- 3. Firebreak** - an area of ground of a specified width that has all material (living or dead) removed by scarifying, cultivating, ploughing or other means removed to bare mineral earth, and includes the pruning and removal of any living or dead trees, scrub or other material that overhangs the cleared firebreak area to a vertical height of four (4) metres from the ground. A prepared fire break shall be trafficable by a four-wheel drive vehicle.
- 4. Fire Management Plan** - a plan that includes maps and information showing all of the bush fire protection measures that will be implemented to reduce the risk of a bush fire escaping containment lines.
- 5. Flammable Material** means material that can be easily ignited or burnt. i.e., dead or dry grass, leaves, timber, paper, plastic and other materials an authorised officer deemed capable of combustion. “Flammable material” does not include green growing trees or live plants growing in gardens;
- 6. Town Site** means land within the shire that is within the boundaries of a town site (and for the purposes of this definition, “town site” has

the meaning given it in section 6 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995).

- 7. Asset Protection Zone** is a fuel-reduced zone around all buildings and assets which extends 20 metres from the outermost point of all buildings and assets.
  - a. Gutters, roofs, and walls of all buildings to be free of flammable matter and maintained.
  - b. Fuel load within the 20-metre zone is reduced and maintained to no more than 100mm.
  - c. Trees over 5 metres in height within the 20-metre zone to be under-pruned up to 2 metres.
  - d. Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of a building / asset shall be pruned to a height no greater than 2 metres and/or pruned away from the building / asset to a distance greater than 2 metres.
- 8. Explosives** - as defined by the Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004 and Regulations 2007.

### ADDITIONAL WORKS & ASSOCIATED COSTS

**The requirements of this Notice are considered the minimum standard** for fire prevention. Bush Fire Control Officers have the power to issue Special Orders pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to individual landowners/occupiers if hazard removal or reduction or any additional works are considered necessary. The requirements of this Notice are in addition to and do not derogate or detract from any other requirement under any other written law or legislation.

Pursuant to Section 33(4) of the *Act*, where the owner and/or occupier of land fails or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this Notice within the times specified, the Shire may by its officers and with such servants, workmen and contractors, vehicles and machinery as the officers deem fit, enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of this Notice which have not been complied with and pursuant to Section 33(5) of the *Act*, the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from the owner and or occupier of the land.

# FIRE PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS

## 1. LAND IN TOWNSITES – INCLUDING MINING AND OR CONSTRUCTION ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

- a. Where the area of land is 2000m<sup>2</sup> or less, slash, mow, or trim dead grasses, dead shrubs, and dead plants to a height no greater than 75mm and remove cuttings/swath across the entire property.
- b. Where the area of land exceeds 2000m<sup>2</sup>, mineral earth breaks of at least five (5) metres in width must be cleared of all flammable material immediately inside and along the boundaries of the land. Where there are buildings on the land, additional mineral earth breaks (5) metres in width must be cleared immediately surrounding each building.
- c. Maintain an Asset Protection Zone.

## 2. LAND OUTSIDE OF TOWNSITES INCLUDING MINING AND OR CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES

- a. For all buildings on land outside of a town site, two mineral fire breaks of at least (five) 5 metres and clear of all flammable material must surround the buildings. The inner mineral earth firebreak must be sited not less than twenty (20) meters from the perimeter of the buildings or group of buildings and the outer mineral earth firebreak sited not less than one hundred (100) metres from the inner mineral earth firebreak.
- b. The fuel load must be reduced from the whole of the land between the firebreaks as required in section 1(a).
- c. Maintain an Asset Protection Zone.

## 3. POWER LINES AND POWER TRANSMISSION LINES

- a. Aerial hazards to power and power transmission lines must be maintained as per the guidelines issued by the *Energy Safety - Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety*. For power lines conducting less than or equal to 33,000 volts; ground fuels such as grasses and ground storey species must be cleared to a minimum of five (5) metres either side of a centre line created by the poles, or towers. The total cleared area must not be less than ten (10) metres wide and the entire area must be maintained to the standard of a mineral earth break.
- b. For power transmission lines greater than 33,000 volts, a mineral earth break of not less than five (5) metres in width must be maintained either side of the widest point of any arms or cross arms on the pole or tower. A mineral earth break of no less than five (5) metres in width is

to be maintained directly under the power line corridor. All power and transmission lines are to be maintained as per Australian Standard AS7000, to assist in minimizing the risk from sparks or arcing and shall be the responsibility of the owner of the transmission line.

## 4. WATER SUPPLY PIPELINES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

All water supply pipelines and associated infrastructure must have mineral earth breaks not less than five (5) metres wide on both sides of the pipeline and all associated infrastructure and be cleared of all flammable material to prevent the spread of fire and damage to the pipelines or associated infrastructure. Access points must be installed and maintained to allow for emergency access and maintenance use.

## 5. RAILWAY RESERVES

Mineral earth breaks of at least five (5) metres in width must be installed immediately inside all boundaries continuously with any railway reserve on which railway traffic operates and are the responsibility of the railway owner.

## 6. EXPLOSIVES MAGAZINES AND STORAGE AREAS

All explosives and flammable materials are to be removed to bare earth between any bunkers or storage facilities, and all flammable materials are to be removed for a distance of at least fifteen (15) metres from the perimeter of any such storage area.

## 7. FUEL DUMPS AND DEPOTS

Remove all flammable material within 10 metres of fuel dumps, fuel ramps or where fuel drums contain fuel or not.

## 8. HAYSTACKS OR STOCKPILED FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

For all haystacks/stockpiled flammable materials a mineral earth break of not less than five (5) metres in width must be installed immediately adjacent to any haystacks or stockpiled flammable material.

## 9. VARIATION OF FIREBREAK REQUIREMENTS

If you consider it to be impractical to clear a mineral earth break or remove flammable material as required by this Notice, you may apply to the Shire no later than the 30th day of September, each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to remove or abate fire hazards. If permission is not granted by Council or its Authorised Officer, you are to comply with the requirement of this Notice

# COMPLIANT FIREBREAKS



**LAND IN TOWNSITES**  
Established lawns and gardens



**LAND IN TOWNSITES**  
Vacant land



**FIREBREAKS**  
Five (5) metres wide clear of flammable material and trafficable.