



Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are hereby required, on or before **1 November**, to carry out fire prevention works on your property.

As owner and/or occupier of the land, you must ensure that your property complies with the requirements of this Notice **from 1 November** each year and must be maintained throughout until **31 March** in the following year.



Where the area of the land is less than 2,000 square metres



Slash/mow all grass to a height no greater than five (5) centimetres.



Prune trees and shrubs and remove all flammable matter from the whole land (except living trees).



Ensure the roofs, gutters, and walls of all buildings on the land are free of flammable matter.

Where the area of the land is greater than 2,000 square metres



Install a continuous firebreak of four (4) metres wide and a minimum of four (4) metres vertical from ground level around all structures and along all external boundaries of the land.



Firebreak to be clear of all bush and flammable matter.



Ensure the roofs, gutters, and walls of all buildings on the land are free of flammable matter.

Variations to Notice

If it is considered impracticable to clear a firebreak or to remove flammable matter from the land as specified by this Notice, an application to vary or take alternative action to mitigate the fire hazard may be made in writing to the City of Stirling prior to **31 October**. Until written permission is received from the City, compliance with this Notice is required.

Bushfire Management Plans

Where a property is subject to an approved bushfire management plan, property owners must still comply with all requirements in this Notice, as well as any additional requirements outlined within that plan.

Property inspections

During the period between **1 November and 31 March** each year, the City's Bush Fire Control Officers conduct inspections of all land within the district. Residents are also encouraged to report incidents of possible fire hazards on neighbouring properties.

Failure to comply

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine of up to \$5,000.

If the works are not carried out by **1 November**, the owner of the land is liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay all costs for performing the works directed in this Notice. Pursuant to section 33(4) of the Act, where the owner and/or occupier of land fails or neglects to comply with requisitions of this Notice within the times specified, the City may by its officers and with such servants and contractors, vehicles and machinery as the officers deems 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.

Burning off restrictions

Restricted burning period applies from 1 January to 31 December each year (permanent restricted period). Pursuant to section 24B of the Act, burning refuse, rubbish or garden waste without written authorisation is strictly prohibited within the City of Stirling.



Stevan Rodic
Chief Executive Officer

Definitions

Act: means the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Bush Fire Control Officer: means an officer appointed by the City to exercise the powers and duties of a Bush Fire Control Officer appointed under s38(1) of the Act.

City: means the City of Stirling.

Firebreak: means a strip of land 4 metres wide of mineral earth by 4 metres high that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses, vegetation, and all other objects (to allow unrestricted access for all types of emergency vehicles).

Flammable matter: means any bush, plant, tree, grass, vegetation, object, thing, or matter that may or is likely to catch fire and burn.

Mineral earth: means land clear of flammable matter, consisting of ploughed or cleared soil, stone, hardstand, or any mixture of these.

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www.stirling.wa.gov.au/firebreaks

