

# FIREBREAK ORDER & INFORMATION 2024/25



SHIRE OF KELLERBERRIN.

# **BURNING PERIODS**

1st October 2024 – 31st October 2024 - Restricted Burning (permit required) 1st November 2024 - 31st January 2025 - Prohibited Burning

1st February 2025 – 31st March 2025 - Restricted Burning (permit required)

1st April 2025 - 30th September 2025 - Open Burning

#### **Additional Dates**

18th April 2025 (Good Friday) - Prohibited Burning

19th April 2025 (Easter Saturday) - Restricted Burning (permit required)

20th April 2025 (Easter Sunday) - Prohibited Burning

21st April 2025 (Easter Monday) - Restricted Burning (permit required)

25th April 2025 (ANZAC Day) - Restricted Burning (permit required)

# FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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Are you a registered Bush Fire Brigade Member? If not, contact

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**CALL 000** 

In the case of an emergency, please call 000, this ensures there is no delay in response.



Burning dates may change due to seasonal fire conditions in which case the details of the changes will be published on Council's website.

Please give adequate notice to issuing officers to ensure a permit is approved prior to your burning requirements.

Please note, a Fire Control Officer can refuse to issue a permit without providing an explanation.

# HARVEST, VEHICLE MOVEMENT, COMBUSTIBLE ENGINE AND HOT WORKS BAN

The Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban, once declared by the Shire, prohibits all harvesting operations, all vehicle movement on a property (with the exception of essential watering of stock in a diesel powered vehicle) and all hot works such as welding, grinding and abrasive tools within the Shire of Kellerberrin and are issued under the *Bush Fires Regulations* 1954 38A and 38C and where a Total Fire Ban is in effect, *Bush Fire Regulations* 1954 24C.

When a ban is declared it is sent out via SMS. Please contact the Shire to be added to the group.

The Shire of Kellerberrin implements a Harvest Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day.

## FUEL REDUCTION & FIREBREAK REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the powers contained in *Section 33 of the Bush Fire Act 1954*, you are hereby required on or before the 1st day of November 2024 to construct fire breaks and/or clear your property of flammable material in accordance with the following, and thereafter to maintain firebreaks up to and including the 16th day of April 2025. This is to be maintained for the duration of the restricted and prohibited burning periods.

# Town Site Land & Area less than 1 hectare (2.47acres) Land area of less than 2,024m2

All hazardous material is to be removed from the whole of the land except living trees, shrubs and plants. The remaining vegetation is to be maintained to a height of no greater than 7.5cm.

#### Land Area greater than 2,024m2

All land over 2,024m2 is to comply with the requirements of rural land

#### **Rural Land**

All land is required to have a bare mineral earth fire break no less than three (3) metres in width, as close as practicable, inside all external boundaries of said land.

All land surrounding erected building is required to be cleared of all flammable material by way of burning, slashing or mowing, and maintained to a height no greater than 7.5cm.

#### **Road Reserves**

Owners and occupiers of land are hereby notified that Council has adopted a policy of NO roadside burning or spraying for the purpose of fire protection. In certain circumstances, Council permission can be granted to spray or burn upon application.

At any time, where a landholder intends to burn, a three (3) metre firebreak clear of flammable material must be placed within the property alongside the road reserve to prevent the escape of fire from the paddock to the road reserve.

# TOTAL FIRE BAN (TFB)

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared by DFES on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property, This is due to extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires, and firefighting resources are stretched.

Occasionally TFB's may be declared outside of a fire season due to other factors such as higher temperatures and expected strong winds preceding a storm front.

## TOTAL FIRE BAN CONT.

On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to light an open air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire.

The full list of prohibited activities can be found on the DFES website. Some of these activities are prescribed in the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 meaning they can be carried out during a TFB, providing you comply with the conditions.



# **BREACHING A TFB**

You could receive a fine of \$1,000 by Police, Local Government or DFES for breaching a TFB. Further penalties apply upon conviction. For breaches of a TFB, contact the relevant Local Government or the TFB Hotline. If the behaviour is related to arson, report to the Police.

For more information www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans 1800 709 355 - TFB Hotline