

Bush Fire Mitigation Notice

Minimum property requirements

All properties

Clean gutters on all buildings.

Remove debris from around buildings.

Maintain a 20 metre low fuel zone around all habitable buildings.

Residential properties

Grass must not be higher than 10cm.

You must prevent growth by burning or spraying if you can't mow/slash grass. Permits may be required.

Residential properties larger than 2024m²

Maintain a 3 metre wide firebreak on all external boundaries.

You can manage your entire property as a low fuel zone instead of installing firebreaks.

Special rural properties

Maintain a 3 metre wide firebreak on all external boundaries.

Rural properties

Maintain a 20 metre wide low fuel zone or 2 metre firebreak around all haystacks.

Maintain a 2 metre wide firebreak on land adjacent to a road reserve.

Plantations

Adhere to the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011.

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Compliance period

The compliance period is from **1 December to 26 April**.

Under section 33 of the Bush Fires Act Your property must be compliant with this notice during the compliance period.

Penalties apply.

Variations

You must apply for a variation by 31 October if you can't comply with the requirements of this order.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Specifications

Low fuel zone

To maintain a low fuel zone you must:

- reduce and maintain fuel loads at 2 tonnes per hectare
- skirt trees up to a height of 2m
- no trees/shrubs over 2 metres high within 2 metres of a habitable building
- no tree crowns/branches over habitable buildings
- clear/prune scrub to reduce to a sparse density -you must be able to walk through with relative ease and minimal deviation
- no grass higher than 10cm.

Firebreak

Your firebreaks must:

- be as close as practical to the property boundary
- have a vertical clearance height of 4 metres (excludes rural zoned properties)
- be continuous and trafficable for a 4WD vehicle with no obstructions
- mineral/bare earth - clear of all vegetation
- not terminate in a dead-end.

Maintained green lawns are acceptable in conjunction with or instead of mineral earth firebreaks. They must meet the firebreak clearance and width requirements.

General Community Information

Burning periods

Permit required during restricted burning period.

Dates subject to change.

Restricted

1 November to
14 December

Prohibited

15 December to
31 March

Restricted

1 April to
30 April

Permits

Contact your fire control officer with at least 48 hours notice to apply. You are responsible for any burns on your property.

Take care and Burn SMART. Search Burn SMART for more information.

Register all burns with DFES on 9395 9209

Wood/solid fuel BBQ's, camp fires & fire pits

Wood/solid fuel BBQs include constructed pizza ovens, kettle style barbeques, wood stoves and ovens are generally permitted year round, however **are not permitted** when the fire danger rating is high or above.

Outdoor cooking and camp fires **are not permitted** during the Prohibited Burning Period (15 December-31 March), and on any day where the fire danger rating is high or above.

Any additional restrictions due to fire weather conditions, will be published on the Shire's website when these conditions occur.

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Visit: afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs

Bush fire warning system



Emergency warning

You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive. There is a threat to lives or homes.



Watch and act

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.



Advice

A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

All Clear

Take care to avoid any dangers and keep up to date.

Fire control officers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Chris Scott | 0408 921 356

* Boyanup North

Daniel Tait | 0417 091 076

Boyanup South

Brian Smith | 0427 387 412

Chris Ward | 0431 532 791

Capel Town

Peter Dunlop | 0428 122 676

Jason McNabb | 0417 037 382

Capel Rural

Kevin Scott | 0488 100 353

Dalyellup & Gelorup

* Jeff McDougall | 0427 959 380

Neill Rowlandson | 0427 056 888

Graham Briggs | 0418 931 824

Elgin North

Chris Scott | 0408 921 356

Elgin South

* Barry Bell | 0427 966 126

Peppermint Grove Beach & Stirling

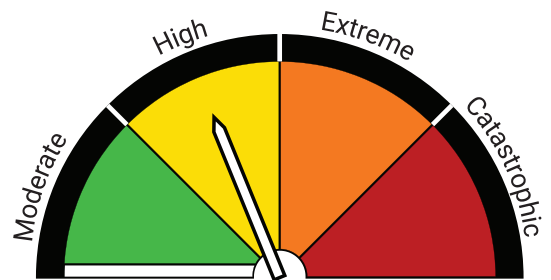
Mark Roberts | 0412 446 516

Stratham

* Brad Scott | 0427 957 443

Geoff Vardie | 0417 947 420

* Also Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer



Local information

Shire of Capel

Call: 9727 0222

Email: info@capel.wa.gov.au

Visit: capel.wa.gov.au

Police, Fire and Ambulance

Call: 000

Bush fire warnings

Visit: emergency.wa.gov.au

Listen: ABC Radio 684 AM

Call: 13 DFES