

Alternative Measures

Should you consider it is not possible to clear fire breaks or remove flammable material from the land as required by this notice, you may apply to vary the notice for your property by downloading and submitting a Bush fire Variation Form prior to 15 April. A Fire Control Officer will assess and approve fire breaks in alternative positions or allow you to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on your property.

If approval is not granted to vary the notice in writing by the Shire prior to 15 May, you must comply with the requirements of the notice.

The Bush fire Variation Form can be downloaded from the following link:

www.broome.wa.gov.au/community-information/Ranger-Services/Bushfire-Control/Bushfire_Variation_Form

Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Broome Restricted

Burning Period is between **1 April** and **31 December** annually.

During this period, the burning of any material throughout the Shire is not permitted unless a written permit has been obtained from an authorised Bush Fire Control Officer.

A Bush Fire Control Officer can be contacted at the Shire of Broome on (08) 9191 3456.

Please note that the above dates may be varied according to seasonal conditions, but that any changes will be advertised.



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Keeping Broome Safe from Bush Fires



It's everybody's responsibility
to help protect our community
from the danger of bushfires.

This brochure outlines the actions all land owners and occupiers in the Shire of Broome must undertake to play their part in helping to protect lives and property from bush fire.

You are required to complete all preparations each year, on or before **15 May** and then maintain it up to and including the **31 December**.

Properties 2000m² or Less

All grasses are to be maintained below 100mm in height by moving or slashing or other means.

All flammable material must be removed from the whole of the land except living trees and plants.

Properties Greater Than 2000m²

Trafficable fire breaks must be installed on the land and the fire breaks clear of flammable material. The fire breaks must be within 10m of all external boundaries.

A 20m low fuel buffer zone must be established around all buildings on the property, which must be clear of all flammable material.

Fuel Dumps & Depots

On all land where fuel drums and ramps are located and where fuel dumps, whether containing fuel or not, are stored, a fire break must be cleared and maintained at least 5m wide around any drum, ramp or stack of drums.

Penalties

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice under Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* is a modified penalty of \$250 or a penalty of up to \$5000 if convicted by a Court.

Any person failing to comply with this notice may also be liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of the Shire of Broome obtaining contractors to perform any fire hazard reduction works on the property.

The Shire of Broome Fire Hazard Reduction Notice can be found on the Shire's website and is published in the Government Gazette.

Flammable Material

For the purposes of this notice flammable material includes leaves, branches, bush, timber, boxes, cartons and like flammable materials, rubbish and any combustible matter.

It does not include living trees, shrubs, growing bushes and plants under cultivation or mulch with an average depth of less than 100mm.

Trafficable Fire Breaks

Means capable of being driven on from one point to another by any Emergency Services Vehicle on a clear surface, without any obstruction that may endanger that vehicle or its occupants. A fire break is not to terminate or lead to a dead end.

