

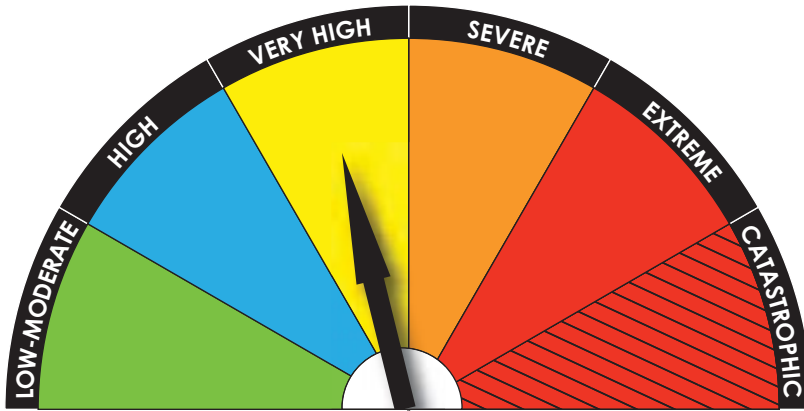


Bushfire Safety

For Emergency Warnings and Incident
information go to [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

To report all fires or emergencies
Phone 000

Understanding Fire Danger Ratings



LOW

Fires can be easily controlled and are slow moving.

HIGH

Fires can be controlled but there is still a potential threat.

VERY HIGH

Total Fire Bans may be declared. Some fires may be unpredictable, difficult to control and may be fast moving.

SEVERE

Total Fire Bans likely to be declared. Fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

EXTREME

Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

CATASTROPHIC

Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

Restricted Burning Times

May be amended by local conditions if required. Please refer to the City of Kalamunda Website for Fire Danger Ratings.

Dates (inclusive)

1 October to 30 November

1 December to 31 March

1 April to 31 May

Burning

Restricted – Permits Required

All Burning Prohibited

Restricted – Permits Required

What can I burn?

Burning Information subject to seasonal changes. Please check with the City of Kalamunda.

	1 December to 31 March PROHIBITED PERIOD	1 April to 31 May RESTRICTED PERIOD	1 June to 30 September OPEN PERIOD	1 October to 30 November RESTRICTED PERIOD
1 meter ³ Garden Refuse (6pm and 11pm)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood and Solid Fuel Barbecue, Pizza Oven	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grass, Paddocks, Bonfire, Bush***	No	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED	Yes	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED
Pallets, Tyres, General Rubbish/Junk, Anything CCA Treated**	No	No	No	No

* Gas or Electric Barbecue are permitted

** Burning CCA treated wood creates toxic smoke that can be hazardous to health

***Please do not burn wet or green garden refuse. If your fire has wet material or is otherwise poorly managed, it can lead to excessive levels of smoke and can result in a neighbourhood nuisance. If the level of smoke is deemed to be creating a nuisance the City may issue an infringement.

**For more information go to
www.dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning**



Be ready by November 1

- As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires and pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, property owners and/or occupiers of land within the City of Kalamunda, are required before 1 November to comply with the conditions as specified in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. This can be found at www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.
- The applicable works as outlined in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice must be completed before 1 November annually and maintained up to and including 31 March the following year.
- **VARIATIONS**
If you consider it impractical to clear or construct firebreaks and/or carry out other fire prevention work in accordance with the City of Kalamunda Fire Hazard Notice, you must apply in writing to the City of Kalamunda to seek permission of variation.

Requests for variations must be submitted before 1 October every year.

Go to www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information.



Failure to comply may result in a fine up to \$5,000



Example of acceptable firebreak



Example of unacceptable firebreak

A firebreak is a 3-metre-wide, bare mineral earth, continuous and trafficable. A firebreak must not have any combustible materials present and must have a height clearance of 4 metres minimum. A firebreak is used for firefighting operations and access for fire appliances in the event of an incident, it also is a means to assist in reducing the spread of fire. These breaks must be in a continuous, trafficable form meaning a large vehicle can drive continuously within the perimeter of the property.

There are many ways to achieve the requirements and property owners can consider seeking professional advice from a contractor. The City does not provide a contractors list to residents, however these can be found online and within local directories.

A firebreak is:

- To a width of 3 metres wide
- To a height clearance of 4 metres
- Bare mineral earth
- Continuous and trafficable
- Free of combustible materials

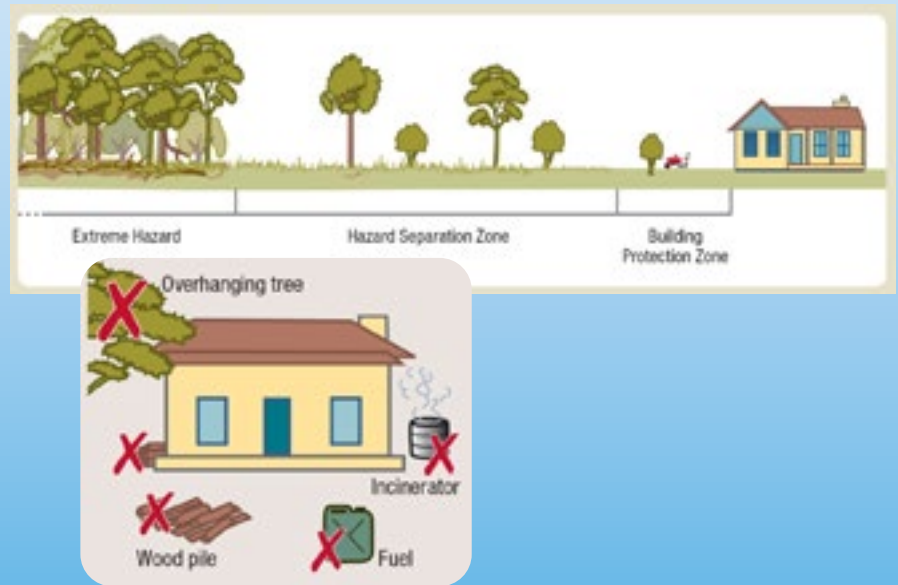
If it is deemed impracticable to clear or construct firebreaks you must apply in writing to the City of Kalamunda to seek permission of Variation. Please refer to www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information.

Firebreaks must be installed and maintained from
1 November to 31 March

Example of an Urban Property Preparedness - Best Practice

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is an area extending 20 metres from the furthest point around an asset building where there is reduced flammable material. This means there is less material that can catch fire and improving the defendability of a property.

- ❑ Maintain a fuel reduced zone around all buildings or assets of value which extends 20 metres from the outermost point of the building or asset and maintained to no more than 2 tonne per hectare. Dead grass, dead shrubs and dead plants shall be slashed, mowed, or trimmed down to a height no greater than 5cm across the entire property. Ensure gutters, roofs and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter.
- ❑ Trees over 5 metres in height must be under pruned up to 2 metres off the ground.
- ❑ Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of the asset must be pruned so that they have an overall height of no greater than 2 metres.



Example of a Regional/Rural Property Preparedness - Best Practice

FIRE-BREAKS

Install or upgrade a 3-metre-wide by 4-metre-high clearance, bare mineral earth, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire-break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land. A reticulated and maintained green lawn may be accepted in lieu of a firebreak - must remain green throughout the fire season.

DEAD FLAMMABLE MATERIAL

Maintain all dead flammable material below 8 tonne per hectare (see definition fuel load).

SLASHING

Dead grass, dead shrubs and dead plants shall be slashed, mowed, or trimmed down to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property.

ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ)

Maintain a fuel reduced zone around all buildings or assets of value which extends 20 metres from the outermost point of the building or asset.

» Ensure gutters, roofs and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter.

» Fuel load within the 20 metres shall be reduced and maintained to no more than 2 tonne per hectare.



» Trees over 5 metres in height must be under pruned up to 2 metres.

» Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of the asset must be pruned so that they have an overall height of no greater than 2 metres.

CLEAN GUTTER DEBRIS

Ensure gutters, roofs and walls of buildings are free of flammable matter

Property Preparedness - Best Practice

Bushfire Plan

- The City of Kalamunda faces a significant bushfire risk. It is highly recommended that all residents implement a 'Bush Fire Plan' and check it annually.
- Have you had the discussion with your friends and family of what you would do in the event of a fire? Have the DFES 5 Min Fire Chat today - go to www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Pets and Livestock

- Do you have a plan for your pets and animals? If you have livestock on a property in a high-risk area, consider either moving them to a safer location during the fire season or leaving them in well-grazed paddocks with supplementary feed.

Water Supply and Pumps

- If you choose to stay and defend your home, you need to have an independent water supply and pumping capability ready as scheme water may not be available due to infrastructure damage, power cuts or firefighting activity.

Total Fire Ban

Total Fire Bans (TFBs) are declared by DFES based on weather conditions and firefighting capability. It is declared by the Minister for Emergency Services on advice from DFES.

The ban includes all open fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

An exemption may be granted if you can show you are taking proper steps to prevent any fire spreading, and can control and put out any fire that may start.

Exemptions can cover specific times and locations and can be changed or cancelled at any time.

Further information can be found at www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is a ban that individual local governments are responsible for issuing under the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954 Section 38A, and/or Section 24C*.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are issued by City of Kalamunda and are put in place when the Chief Bushfire Control Officer identifies the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery as high bushfire risk activities. A Harvest and vehicle Movement Ban may be issued at any time of the day.

It is the responsibility as a property owner or resident to be aware of any bans in place before undertaking an agricultural activity including harvesting as you could be fined. But more seriously, you would be responsible for putting your property, family and community in danger

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban can be in place for any length of time. It is most likely to be imposed during the 'heat of the day'. The City can extend or cancel this at any time if weather conditions change.



Alternate Options to Burning

Skip Bins

City of Kalamunda residents can select from either a general waste skip bin (blue) or green waste skip bin (green). Households are entitled to any combination of up to three skip bins per financial year (excludes commercial and industrial premises). Both the general and green waste skip bins are three (3) cubic metres.

Households that meet the following criteria can be entitled to an additional green waste bin(s) only to assist with bush fire management.

- One (1) additional green waste bin is available for properties between 2000m² – 5000m²
- Two (2) additional green waste bins are available for properties over 5000m²

The green waste from the green skip bins is mulched and reused, reducing the amount

For more information please visit:
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/waste

Green Skip Bin

GREEN WASTE ONLY

Accepted items include:

Green waste

Tree pruning
(cut to 1.5m lengths)

Do not put green waste
inside plastic bags.
No plastic allowed.

Blue Skip Bin

GENERAL WASTE

Accepted items include:

Large household items

Furniture (dismantled)

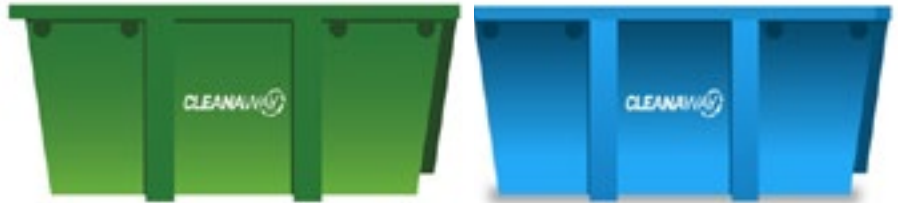
Timber and treated pine
up to 1.5m in length

Capacity 3.0m³

Length 2.4m

Depth 1.2m

Height 1.0m



Ordering Skip Bins

To order or enquire about skip bins please go to kalamunda.wa.gov.au or phone 9449 3332.

Walliston Transfer Station

155 Lawnbrook Road, Walliston
Telephone: 9291 3896

City of Kalamunda residents and ratepayers do not pay fees for non-commercial use of the Walliston Transfer Station. To gain free access, you will need to bring your Entry Pass along with Photo Identification with residential address (i.e. Drivers Licence).

A Vehicle Permit Scheme applies to City of Kalamunda residents/ratepayers who use vans, trucks, branded or sign-written vehicles and/or trailers. Fees will apply for commercial use.

Need some assistance?

For the latest information, news and alerts contact

Emergency WA – www.emergency.wa.gov.au

City of Kalamunda – www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire

Fire, Police and Ambulance – 000

SES Assistance – 132 500

Department of Fire & Emergency Services – 13 33 37

www.dfes.wa.gov.au and on twitter www.twitter.com/dfes_wa

ABC News – Local Radio – ABC 720 (and ABC 24 TV)

www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa

Bureau of Meteorology – www.bom.gov.au or 9263 2222

Parks & Wildlife Service – www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Western Power – 13 13 51

Main Roads – road closure information – 13 81 38



EMERGENCY.WA.GOV.AU

Emergency WA is the State's official website for community warnings and other emergency information. Here you will find alerts and warnings about fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, hazardous material incidents and traffic crashes.

On the Emergency WA you will find information to:

- Access Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans.
- Links to information on preparing for an emergency, and recovery after an emergency.
- A Google Maps display showing the location of active emergency incidents and warnings across Western Australia.
- A feed of all fire, rescue and other incidents.
- Information about active prescribed burns being undertaken by government agencies and private landowners.

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