

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2020/2021

COMPLIANCE DUE BEFORE:

1 NOV 2020

ASSESSMENTS COMMENCE FROM: 1 NOV 2020

Important: The works outlined below must be completed by 1 November 2020 and maintained in this state up to and including 31 March 2021

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF KALAMUNDA

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954 (WA)*, the City of Kalamunda gives you written notice to act as specified in this notice to land that you own and/or occupy and with respect to any matter which is upon the land that you own and/or occupy situated within the district of the City of Kalamunda.

Failure or neglect to comply with the requisitions of this notice is an offence and can result in a penalty of up to \$5000. The City of Kalamunda gives you notice that its officers, servants, workmen, contractors, vehicles, machinery and appliances (as the officers deem fit) may enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of this notice that are not complied with by the time specified in the notice, and the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land

ALL LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 4000m² OR MORE

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.

DEAD FLAMMABLE MATERIAL

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

SLASHING

Dead grass, shrubs and 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.

ALL LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA LESS THAN 4000m²

DEAD FLAMMABLE MATERIAL

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

SLASHING

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

CLEAN GUTTER DEBRIS

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

VARIATION TO THE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

If you consider, for any reason, that it is impractical to meet the requirements as per this notice, you may apply in writing for a variation to the requirements of this notice to the City of Kalamunda by no later than 1 October 2020, to request authorisation to employ other methods of fire prevention to land that you own and/or occupy. **An administration fee of \$150 applies for applications received after 1 October 2020.**

If permission is not granted to you for a variation of this notice, you must comply with the requirements outlined in the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

Variation request application forms are available before 1 October on the City's website at:
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/our-city/fire/variations

ADDITIONAL WORKS

In addition to the requirements of this notice, regardless of land size, you may be required to carry out further fire prevention works on your land to reduce any hazards considered necessary by the duly Authorised Officer of the City of Kalamunda. If required, these requirements will be outlined in a 'work order' sent to the address of the owner and/or occupier.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS AND CITY APPROVED TREATMENT PLANS

All properties and/or land that are subject to a Bushfire Management Plan, Emergency Management Plan or an approved Bushfire Attack Level assessment (BAL), as a result of subdivision, development application or a City approved treatment plan must comply with the requirements of such plans in their entirety. Compliance with any additional plans does not constitute compliance with this notice.

DEFINITIONS

FIREBREAK

A strip of land cleared of all flammable material with the intention of minimising the spread or extension of a bushfire and provide safe access on your property for emergency vehicles and other firefighting operations.

- » No less than 3 metres wide and 4 metres height clearance inside and along all boundaries (including boundaries adjacent to roads, rail and drain reserves and all public open space reserves).
- » Must have a corner turning radius of up to 10 metres
- » Must be a mineral earth break with a continuous trafficable surface for a 4WD vehicle, clear of any obstructions and must not terminate in a cul-de-sac (dead end)
- » Maintained and living lawns are acceptable in conjunction with or in lieu of mineral earth fire breaks, provided that the same width and height requirements for a fire break are applied.
- » Must not be more than 4 metres wide (further width extensions may be considered upon written application for approval to the City).

FUEL LOAD:

Any material such as wood, leaves and grass that is likely to be ignited and capable of burning.

- » Leaf litter on the ground inclusive of leaves, twigs (up to 6mm diameter) and bark. A fuel load depth of 15mm from the top layer to the mineral earth beneath is indicative of approximately 8 tonne per hectare
- » Mulch piles, stored firewood and burn piles contribute to fuel load and must be stored safely or removed from the property.

If you require any further information, please call the City of Kalamunda Community Safety team on (08) 9257 9999 or visit www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/our-city/fire.

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