

Use of Solid Fuel BBQ, Pizza Oven and Smokers during the Prohibited Fire Season

Penalties Apply

You could be fined up to \$25,000 or imprisoned for 12 months, or both, if you ignore or commit an offence in relation to Total Fire Bans and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

Solid Fuel refers to the product used to fuel the fire, examples are dry wood, dry paper, synthetic char or charcoal type fuel. Solid fuels doesn't include gas or liquid.

YOU CAN USE	YOU CAN NOT USE
<p>The following conditions apply when using a solid fuel BBQ, pizza oven or smoker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There is NO Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Movement Ban currently active in the City. ✓ Fire danger forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology is set to "low-moderate" or "high" ✓ Clearance around site of fire is at least 3 metres i.e. NO debris or inflammable materials within 3 metres of fire. (Bushfire Act 1954 section.25) ✓ Suitable precautions must be taken so that no nuisance smoke arises. Causing excessive smoke is a prosecutable offence under the City's Health Local Laws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ During a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Movement Ban currently active in your designated locality. ✗ No open fire is permitted while a ban is in place. This includes cooking outside using an open fire under verandas and patios. ✗ Fire danger forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology is set to "catastrophic", "extreme", "severe" or "very high"

Total Fire Bans and Vehicle Movement Bans

When a Total Fire Ban or a Harvest or Vehicle Movement Ban has been declared, it is illegal to carry out any activity that is likely to cause a fire.

The responsibility remains on the individual to ensure that the activity undertaken will not cause a fire, and that a ban is not currently in place.

Total Fire Bans are declared by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) during times of extreme weather conditions or when the possibility of widespread bushfires may impact heavily on resources.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are declared by the City (by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer) and limits the operation of machinery and plant equipment likely to cause a fire when operated over or near flammable material, dry grass, stubble or bush. Similarly, conducting 'hot works' like operating abrasive cutters, welders or any other activity in the open air that may cause sparks and ignite vegetation are also not permitted during a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban.

Other prohibited activities are;

- Light a fire in the open air.
- Cook outside in the open air using an open fire (this includes under verandas and patios).

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- Move vehicles or plant equipment in bushland or paddocks*
- Harvesting*
- Undertake 'hot works' such as welding, grinding or activity that may cause a spark or ignition unless you have an exemption issued by DFES.
- Use fireworks or hot air balloons.
- Use a gas cooker or barbeque with an enclosed flame on your own property or in a public recreational area designated for that purpose.
- Undertake essential feeding and watering of stock.
- Use mowers, chainsaws, line and hedge trimmers and similar plant in built up urban environments which are clear of flammable materials or surrounded by green grass etc.
- Conduct any work that has been covered by a current and relevant exemption, and provided that all conditions on that exemption are adhered to.

When a ban has been declared, you may:

During a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban, vehicles may be used or operated on or across a paddock only if it is for the prevention of an immediate or serious risk to a person or livestock, and only if reasonable precautions have been taken for that activity to prevent causing a bushfire.

Total Fire Ban Exemptions may be granted if you are able to demonstrate you are taking adequate precautions to prevent the ignition or spread of a fire, and you have suitable personnel and resources to extinguish a fire that may start. Exemptions for Total Fire Bans must be obtained from DFES in writing and are specific to activities, times and locations.

BAN ACTIVATION & INFORMATION

Total Fire Ban Activation and Additional Information

DFES Website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au
DFES Total Fire Ban: ['What can I do on a total fire ban day'](#)
DFES: ['What is a total Fire Ban'](#)

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban Activation and Additional Information

City of Kalamunda Facebook: [@CityofKalamunda](#)
City of Kalamunda Twitter: [@CityofKalamunda](#)
City of Kalamunda Website: www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Phone: 9257 9999

Website: www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Phone: Calling the Total Fire Ban information line 1800 709 355.

Radio: Information is also broadcasted on ABC local Radio frequency 720AM and other media outlets.

** Necessary Agricultural Activities are activities that cannot be postponed until after a Total Fire Ban ends without consequence to livestock or crops. These activities are permitted to continue with caution during a Total Fire Ban but harvesting of crops or movement across paddocks are not permitted if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has been declared.*

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