

## WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT FOR ALL FIRES INCLUDING INCINERATORS (UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE BUSH FIRES ACT)

- Who can burn**

Effective July 2012 only those properties zoned rural residential throughout the district or are 4,000 sqm or greater and located south of the prolongation of William Street, Dawesville will be able to obtain a permit to burn.

- How to obtain a permit**

Permits to burn can be obtained from the City's Administration Building, 3 Peel Street, Mandurah or Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre, corner Flavia Street and Cobblers Road, Falcon.

## BARBECUES

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time under certain conditions. Check before lighting up.

**Solid Fuel barbecues are prohibited on days of catastrophic, severe or extreme fire danger.**

## CAMPFIRES

Solid fuel campfires are completely banned in the Mandurah district at all times of the year.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn is available from City of Mandurah Ranger Services or visit [www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au).

If you wish to contact the Fire Control Officer for your area please contact Ranger Services:

**City of Mandurah Ranger Services  
9550 3777**

Rangers Available  
Monday to Sunday 7.00am - 7.30pm

The City of Mandurah Rangers Office is permanently closed to the public as of 13 July 2012. All customer service enquiries, including dog registrations, infringement payments and fire permit applications can be made at:

- City of Mandurah Administration Building, located at 3 Peel Street, Mandurah
- Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre, located on Flavia Street, Falcon

## Important Numbers

<b>Emergency Only</b>	<b>'000'</b>
Police	131 444
Department of Environment and Conservation - Fire Duty Officer	9405 1222
Burning near National Park	0419 927 527

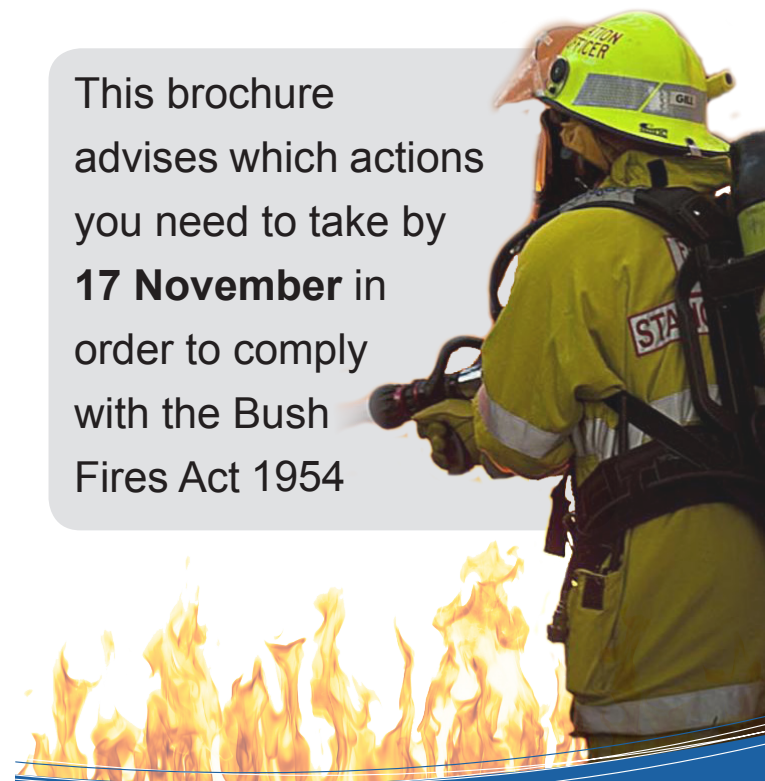
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING	RESTRICTED PERIOD
PERMIT REQUIRED		PERMIT REQUIRED
1/4/2012 - 30/11/2012	1/12/2012 - 31/3/2013	1/4/2013 - 30/11/2013

# Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2012/2013

**As a land owner you have a responsibility to manage your property to reduce the risk of fire.**

This brochure advises which actions you need to take by **17 November** in order to comply with the Bush Fires Act 1954



## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A LAND OWNER IN THE CITY OF MANDURAH

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or owned and occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this Notice, to the satisfaction of Council or its duly authorised officers.

This work must be carried out by **17 November 2012** or within **14 days of becoming the owner or owner occupier, should this be after that date** and kept maintained throughout the summer months until 31 May 2013.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this Notice may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requisitions of the Notice, the Council or its duly authorised officers or contractors will carry out the required work at the cost of the owner or owner occupier.

In addition, you may be required to carry out further works which may be deemed necessary and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address shown on the City of Mandurah rate records for that land.

### FIREBREAK VARIATION

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this Notice, or if natural features render firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply in writing to the City of Mandurah or its duly authorised officers, no later than 1 November 2012, for alternative positions, or other methods of fire prevention on your land. If permission is not granted, you must comply with the requirements of the Notice.

## WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

### OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED LAND LESS THAN 2023m<sup>2</sup>

Where the area of the land is less than 2023m<sup>2</sup> remove all flammable material on the land except living standing trees and shrubs from the whole of the land. If mowing or slashing is carried out, then the height of the vegetation must not exceed, as far as reasonably practicable, 40mm over the entire area of land. **A four metre firebreak is not acceptable.**

### OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED LAND 2023m<sup>2</sup> AND OVER

When the area of land is 2023m<sup>2</sup> and over, provide a trafficable mineral earth firebreak at least four metres wide, with a vertical height clearance of 4.2m;

1. Immediately inside all external boundaries of the said land.
2. Immediately surrounding all outbuildings erected on the said land.

**By order of the Council**  
**Mark Newman**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

### FIREBREAK AND FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

Council forwards a copy of this Notice each year to all property owners. The Notice is also published in a local newspaper circulating the district. Additional copies are obtainable at Council offices. The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally.

**All properties are to comply with this Notice by 17 November 2012. Rangers will inspect all properties from 18 November 2012 to ensure they comply with Council's requirements.**

### Penalties (Bush Fires Act)

If you do not meet your responsibilities as outlined in this brochure, the following penalties may apply:

Failure to maintain four metre firebreaks or remove flammable material .....	\$250
Offence relating to lighting fire in open air .....	\$250
Burning during prohibited burning times.....	\$250
Failure of occupier to extinguish a fire.....	\$250
Refusal to state name and address or giving false name and address.....	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn .....	\$100

Ultimately you could be liable for a maximum penalty of **\$10,000** plus costs.

