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Is your property fire-safe or is it a fire hazard?

Answer the questions below to assess the true fire risk to your property. If you answer no to any of the following questions, then read and act on the simple solutions that follow. It is hoped that you will use this guide to prepare yourself for high fire risk times and reduce the chances of your house and property being damaged by fire and reducing the threat to human life.

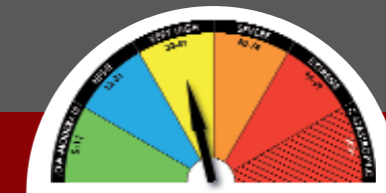
YOU NEED ANSWER ONLY THE SECTIONS THAT APPLY TO THE TYPE OF PROPERTY IN YOUR CARE

A Do you own land 2000 square metres or less with buildings?	YES	NO
1. Have you removed all flammable material? Prunings, lawn clippings and wood can be collected by the City's greens bulk refuse collection service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Have you slashed all dry grass down to a height of 20mm? You can mow any long grass yourself or hire a lawn-mowing contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Have you pruned trees overhanging your house or power lines? Tree lopping contractors can prune trees overhanging your house or power lines. DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS YOURSELF UNLESS YOU'RE AUTHORISED AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Have you cleaned your roof and gutters of flammable materials? Clean gutters yourself or hire a handyman service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Have you stored fuel in a safe place? Fuel, firewood and petrol should be stored in a safe location, away from buildings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B Do you own vacant land 2000 square metres or less?	YES	NO
GRASS BLOCK		
1. Have you slashed all dry grass down to a height of 20mm? You can mow any long grass yourself or hire a lawn-mowing contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Have you installed a two-metre firebreak inside all external boundaries? You can install firebreaks yourself, or hire a contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Are your firebreaks clear of flammable materials? You may need to redo your firebreaks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BUSH BLOCK		
1. Have you removed fallen branches, leaf litter, twigs etc. from the ground? You may remove ground litter by raking up into small heaps and burning it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Have you slashed all dry grass to a height of 20mm? You can mow any long grass yourself or hire a lawn-mowing contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Have you installed a two-metre wide firebreak inside all external boundaries? You can install firebreaks yourself, or hire a contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Are your firebreaks clear of flammable materials? You may need to do your firebreaks again.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C Do you own land in excess of 2000 square metres with buildings?	YES	NO
GRASS OR BUSH BLOCK / METRO AND RURAL		
1. Have you removed all flammable materials - prunings, lawn clippings wood etc? Prunings should be heaped away from buildings, taken to the tip, or burnt. (A permit will be required for burning)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Have you pruned trees overhanging buildings and power lines? Tree lopping contractors can prune trees overhanging buildings and power lines. DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS YOURSELF UNLESS YOU'RE AUTHORISED AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Have you cleared roof and gutters of flammable materials? Clean gutters yourself or hire a handyman service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Have you slashed all dry grass to a height of 20mm within 50m of buildings? You can mow any long grass yourself, put grazing stock on your property to eat the grass or hire a lawn-mowing contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Have you installed a three-metre wide, three-metre high firebreak inside all external boundaries? You can install firebreaks yourself, or hire a contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Are your firebreaks clear of flammable materials? You may need to redo your firebreaks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Have you stored flammable material such as fuel, petrol, wood etc in a safe place? These items should be stored in a shed away from main buildings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Do you have an accessible water supply for fire fighting? Provide access to tanks and dams for large four wheel drive fire units.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

D Do you own vacant land in excess of 2000 square metres?	YES	NO
1. Have you slashed all dry grass down to a height of 20mm? You can mow any long grass yourself or hire a firebreak / lawn-mowing contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Do you have stock on your property to graze down the grass to a safe level? You can buy or agist stock on your property to reduce the fire hazard.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Have you installed a 3 metre wide, 3 metre high firebreak inside all external boundaries? You can install firebreaks yourself or hire a contractor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Are your firebreaks clear of flammable materials? You may need to do the firebreaks again.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



REMEMBER Installing and maintaining firebreaks is your responsibility

Firebreaks must be maintained from 15 November to 30 April.

Consult the City of Wanneroo "Protect your Home and Property from Bush Fires" leaflet for exact dates.

Reducing fire hazards is your responsibility.

PENALTY – An owner or occupier of land who fails or neglects in any respect, to comply with the requirements of this notice is liable to an on-the-spot fine of \$250 or a maximum of \$5000.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Firebreaks must be cleared by 15 November (AND KEPT CLEAR UNTIL APRIL 30)
 - Burning permits required all year round
- Burning prohibited between 1 December to 31 March

WHEN AND HOW TO OBTAIN A FIRE PERMIT

A person in control of a fire must stay with the fire until it is completely extinguished. Permits are available from the City of Wanneroo at the following locations:

- **WANNEROO ANIMAL CARE CENTRE**
Located at the rear of the Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Road, Ashby
The City's Rangers / Fire Control Officers are available to issue permits 7 days a week* from 4pm - 6pm *Except Good Friday.
- **CITY OF WANNEROO CIVIC CENTRE**
23 Dundebur Road, Wanneroo
The City's Fire Control Officers / Permit Issuing Officers are available to issue permits Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.
- **YANCHEP VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION**
Bracknell Street, Yanchep. Please phone 9561 1788 prior to visiting the station.
- **TWO ROCKS VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE**
Captain / Fire Control Officer. Seatrees Estate, Countryside Drive, Two Rocks
Please phone 0427 026 000 before attending the station.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED FROM BUILDING 1, ASHBY OPERATIONS CENTRE

PERMITS HAVE TO BE SIGNED BY AN AUTHORISED FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADES

The City of Wanneroo is committed to providing an effective and efficient fire fighting service to residents living outside of FESA's metropolitan fire district. The City of Wanneroo Volunteer Bush fire Brigade consists of four brigades, Wanneroo, Quinns Rocks, Two Rocks and the Fire Support Brigade, with about 160 volunteer members who work rostered times 12 months of the year, 24 hours a day. The brigades also assist FESA and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) in times of emergency.

PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FROM BUSH FIRES

Have you received your copy of 'Protect Your Home and Property from Bush fires'? This brochure contains important information and details about legal requirements and emergency phone numbers. Contact the City of Wanneroo on 9405 5000 to request your copy. Also available at www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/homeandgarden

FIRE DANGER RATING

Please observe the City of Wanneroo fire danger signs. No fires may be lit on days of VERY HIGH, SEVERE, EXTREME or CATASTROPIC fire danger or declared TOTAL FIRE BAN.



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