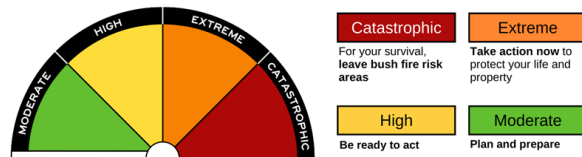


AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) uses a four-tier system to assess the potential danger in the event of a bushfire, aiding the community in taking necessary action to ensure their safety.

Each rating level gives a message that will encourage action dependent on the level of threat.



Daily forecasted fire danger ratings, provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will be shown on roadside signs, and updated by City of Bunbury Rangers.

The Australian Fire Danger Rating Systems signs are located at the following four locations:

- Forrest Highway
- South Western Highway
- Ocean Drive
- Bussell Highway

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au to view the daily Fire Danger Rating, which is published at 4pm the day before.

FURTHER INFORMATION TO STAY SAFE

While following the directions from the City of Bunbury and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, here are a few tips to protect your property and reduce the risk of a fire:

- 🔥 Ensure roofs and gutters are cleared of flammable materials
- 🔥 Remove accumulated leaves, twigs, dead bushes and trees capable of fuelling a fire
- 🔥 Prune shrubs so they are not overhanging
- 🔥 Store petrol and gas safely
- 🔥 Cut grass around your property to 5cm or less

STAY INFORMED

⚠️ For emergency alerts and warnings, visit emergency.wa.gov.au

📡 Subscribe to weather bureau updates and for emergency warnings.

☎️ Call the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on **13 3337**.

📺 Follow @dfeswa and @bunburycity on Facebook for live and local updates.

📻 Listen to ABC South West for updates.

🚧 Check fire rating roadside signs located across Bunbury.

Scan the QR code to view our fire safety information.



HAVE A BUSHFIRE PLAN?

For the safety of you and your family, ensure you have a plan in place should a bushfire occur.

Having a pre-prepared kit will save you valuable time in an evacuation. Ensure you pack important items including non-perishables, spare clothes, first aid kit, water, and a torch.

For a personal bushfire plan, download the My Bushfire Plan or visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au



FIRE CONTROL IN THE CITY OF BUNBURY



EVERYONE HAS A DUTY TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE

Western Australia is highly bushfire prone due to its dry bushland and soil, and extreme temperatures during summer months.

It's important for everyone to be prepared and know the restrictions put in place to mitigate the risk of bushfires and keep the community safe.

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all City of Bunbury residents have a legal requirement to undertake fire prevention works on their property by 18 November, and to be maintained until 5 May.

City of Bunbury Fire Control Officers will start inspections during the fire control period and non-compliance can result in severe penalties.

Additionally, the City may also arrange fire prevention works at your property and you will be liable for all associated costs.

Where the area of the land is less than 2024sqm:

Slash/mow all grass to a height no greater than 10 centimetres and remove all cut materials and other flammable matter such as leaf matter and dead vegetation, from the property.

Where the area of the land is greater than 2024sqm:

Slash/mow all grass to a height no greater than 10 centimetres and remove all cut materials and/or install a firebreak of three metres wide and four metres high, clear of all bush and flammable material along all external boundaries of the land.

Total removal of all flammable material from the property may be considered an acceptable alternative.

FIRE BREAK EXEMPTION

Application required in writing to the City of Bunbury prior to 1 November

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Burn permits required - 1 November until 10 December

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

No fires permitted - 11 December until 24 March (Subject to extensions)

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Burn permits required - 25 March until 5 May (Subject to extensions)

BURNING PERMITS

Each year, burning is not permitted from 11 December to 24 March inclusive.

A burning permit must be obtained for the burning of any materials (including garden refuse) from 1 November to 10 December and from 25 March to 5 May.

Permits are automatically cancelled on days of high and extreme fire danger and no burning of any type is permitted, including incinerators.

Permits to burn must be obtained from the City of Bunbury and all conditions imposed by the City's Fire Control Officers and Authorised Persons must be followed.

The City of Bunbury does not allow burning off, of any kind, on properties smaller than 2024sqm.

Burning without a permit or approval may be subject to penalties, prosecution, or civil action.



CAMPFIRES, FIRE PITS, BARBECUES AND PIZZA OVENS

The use of fire pits, pizza ovens and wood-fuelled barbecues is not permitted during prohibited burning periods, days where the fire danger rate is 'high' or above, or when a Total Fire Ban is declared.

Open flames such as fire pits are prohibited on land less than 2024sqm at all times.

Permits are required during restricted burning periods and may be cancelled should changes in weather conditions or other presented risks occur.

Owners of campfires, fire pits, pizza ovens or wood-fuelled barbecues should stay up-to-date with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website for any Total Fire Ban notices.

FIREBREAKS

A firebreak refers to a cleared strip of land free from flammable materials, including wood, leaves, and grass that may ignite and burn.

To be compliant, firebreaks must be accessible for firefighting vehicles, with a vertical clearance of four metres and three metres wide with no obstructions. They also must not end abruptly or lead to dead ends.

While firebreaks do not prevent fires, they provide access for firefighters and can help contain the spread of fires.

Firebreaks can be created by mineral earth or maintained green lawns.

