

Important Dates

Variation to Firebreak Notice completed by	30 September
Variation to Firebreak Notice, as approved by Council to be complied with by	31 October
Firebreaks Installed by	31 October
Maintenance of Firebreaks ALL YEAR ROUND	1 November to 31 October

Life-threatening Emergency	000
DFES Information Line	133 337
Bureau of Meteorology	9263 2222
Ranger Services	9158 9300
Horizon Power	132 351
State Emergency Service	132 500
Total Fire Ban Information	1800 709 355



Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2023-24

**FAILURE TO COMPLY
MAY RESULT IN A \$5000 FINE**

Fire Danger Rating describes the potential danger if a fire was to start. See what action you should take:



ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

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**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954
TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND**

Please read carefully
These are your legal requirements

This notice applies to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Town of Port Hedland.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* you are required to take action in accordance with this notice in your land category.

The following categories detail what you must do to comply, with no exemptions. Failure to comply may result in you being fined and/or Council entering your land to install firebreak works at the owner's expense.

This Notice and information has effect 1 October 2022. All previous Firebreak Notices are hereby cancelled.

By order of the Chief Executive Officer.

Your legal requirements

1. Land in townsites/rural residential zoned lots—including Mining, Transient Workforce or Construction Accommodation facilities

1a. Land less than 2000 square metres must:

- Cut all grass to less than 50mm in height
- Trim trees and bushes that overhang access ways, driveways, buildings

1b. Land more than 2000 square metres must:

- Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately inside all external boundaries
 - ✓ Mineral earth with a width of no less than 5 metres
- Trim trees and bushes that overhang access ways, driveways, buildings and firebreaks
- Maintain a 20 metre asset protection zone around dwelling and outbuildings

2. Land outside townsites/rural residential zoned lots—including Mining, Transient Workforce or Construction Accommodation facilities

- Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately inside all external boundaries
 - ✓ Mineral earth with a width of no less than 5 metres
 - ✓ Mineral earth with a width of no less the 3 metres around all structures, outbuilding and haystacks
- Trim trees and bushes that overhang access ways, driveways, buildings and firebreaks
- Maintain a 20 metre asset protection zone around dwelling and outbuildings

2. Variation to Firebreak Notice must:
Apply in writing to the Town by 30 September requesting your variation and the reasons for your application. If approved, all firebreak conditions will be as per the variation and compliance will be for three years.

If your variation is not approved or on change of ownership, the variation is cancelled. The owner must comply with the Firebreak Notice requirements for the category of land.



Definitions

Firebreak

A strip of land that has been cleared of all flammable material, leaving bare mineral earth. This includes the trimming back of anything overhanging the fire break area. Mowed firebreaks are not acceptable

Flammable material

Any vegetation (bushes, grasses, trees, mulch and green waste), object or material that is likely to catch fire.

Asset Protection Zone (APZ)

An APZ is a low-fuel area immediately surrounding a building. It should include a defensible space adjacent to the building, which has minimal vegetation and is free from combustible items and obstructions.

Restrictions

Gazetted townsite of Port Hedland Backyard burning, burning off, and the use of incinerators are banned at all times.

Barbeques

Solid fuel BBQs (wood stoves etc) must only be used for the purpose of cooking. This cannot be done on days between fire danger ratings of High to Catastrophic.

Total Fire Bans

May be declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), which will be advertised in local media, press, radio and television.

No fires are permitted when a Total Fire Ban is in place. Please be aware that infringements may be issued or prosecution may commence as a result.

Further legal requirements to this Firebreak Notice are available at web address.