



# FIRE CONTROL AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION 2025 - 2026

## FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

**First and final notice has been served to all landowners and/or occupiers within the Shire of Jerramungup, who have the legal responsibility to prepare their properties to reduce the risk of outbreak and spread of fires.**

As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires and pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you have a legal requirement to prepare and maintain your property for the fire season.

**Your property must comply from 10 October 2025  
and be maintained through to 30 April 2026.**

Shire of Jerramungup officers and/or contractors are authorised to enter and remain upon private property, without notice to the owner, to inspect and confirm compliance with this Notice.

The owner or occupier of land who has received notice under Section 33(1) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and who fails to or neglects in any respect duly to comply with the requirements of the Notice is guilty of an offence and can be fined, including the recovery of costs incurred for any personnel, contractors or vehicles and machinery required to perform activities to bring the land into compliance.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

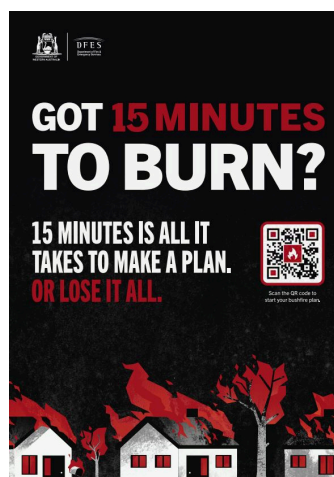
ZONE	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD (Permits required)	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD (Permits required)
<b>Zone 5</b> (Bremer Bay, including Pt Henry Peninsula)	01/09/25 – 31/10/25	01/11/25 – 04/04/26	05/04/26 – 31/05/26
<b>Zone 1, 2, 3, 4</b> (Shire of Jerramungup)	01/10/25 – 31/10/25	01/11/25 – 07/02/26	08/02/26 – 30/04/26
<b>01/09/2025</b>	Applications for individual Bushfire Management Plans – Last day		
<b>01/10/2025</b>	Applications for Variations to the Fire Control Notice – Last day		
<b>31/10/2025</b>	Registrations of Licenced Storage Areas – Last day		
<b>06/10/2025 - 16/10/2025</b>	Fire control inspections: Properties are initially inspected for compliance with this notice.		
<b>06/10/2025 - 16/10/2025</b>	Pt Henry fire control inspections: Properties are initially inspected for compliance with this notice.		

For further information on current Fire Control Officers, signing up to Harvest Ban information message, contractors assisting with fire control works, map of Fire Zone boundaries, variations to the Fire Control Notice and other fire control information, scan the QR code or visit the Shire of Jerramungup website

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/services/fire-control.aspx>



Scan here to find out what you are allowed to do during a total fire ban/ harvest and vehicle movement ban



# PROPERTY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS BY ZONE

Zone	Vegetation Management	Asset Protection Zone (APZ)*	Firebreaks	Other Requirements
Townsites (Residential, Town Site, Town Centre, Service Commercial, Light Industry, General Industry and Rural Residential- Freeman Drive specific) with an area of 4,000m <sup>2</sup> or less	Maintain grasses to ≤100mm Reduce fire fuel* May retain isolated trees/shrubs in parkland cleared state	Only where approval has been granted for grazing of animals on a property:  Establish & Maintain APZ around all habitable buildings	Only where approval has been granted for grazing of animals on a property:  3m bare earth* access track between the boundary of the land and all buildings	Additional requirements as outlined in a property specific Bushfire Management Plan (BFMP) if adopted by Council
Townsites (Residential, Town Site, Town Centre, Service Commercial, Light Industry, General Industry and Rural Residential- Freeman Drive specific) with an area exceeding 4,000m <sup>2</sup>	Maintain grasses to ≤100mm Implement parkland clearing* across entire block	Establish & Maintain APZ around all habitable buildings	3m bare earth only around fuel storage, sheds, gas cylinders Within 6m of haystacks (not on boundaries)	Additional requirements as outlined in a property specific Bushfire Management Plan (BFMP) if adopted by Council
Rural Residential (Point Henry)	Parkland cleared 1m zone around power infrastructure	Establish & maintain a min. 20m APZ immediately surrounding a building	Where strategic firebreaks have been constructed by the Shire, these must be maintained (up to 20m wide where possible)	20,000L dedicated water supply* Additional requirements as outlined in a property specific Bushfire Management Plan (BFMP) if adopted by Council
Rural (<100ha)		Not specified explicitly (APZ implied around buildings)	3m wide, 5m high bare earth inside all external boundaries and around buildings and within 20m of haystacks, stockpiled flammable material	Compliant access/driveways* and turnarounds* required for firefighting vehicles.
Rural (>100ha)		Not specified explicitly	3m wide, 5m high bare earth within 100m of all buildings, haystacks, stockpiled flammable material and fuel dumps	Firebreaks must provide unrestricted vehicular access
Plantations (For the purpose of this notice is any area of planted hard- or softwood plants exceeding 3ha within townsite and exceeding 10ha outside a townsite and where the area planted exceeds 50m in any one direction until all stumps are removed or the land use has changed.)			15m wide, 5m high bare earth inside all external and public road facing boundaries. Where the plantation is divided into compartments: 6m wide, 5m high bare earth between compartments not exceeding 30ha in area 10m wide, 5m high bare earth between compartments where one or both exceed 30ha in area	Firefighting water supply facilities are designed and constructed so that 4x4 vehicles carrying 3,000 litres of water are able to access the facilities Install signage showing the locations of: compartments (name & number), water supply facilities, emergency access/egress, any structures, significant features Provide the Shire with a map of the plantation showing firebreaks and features requiring signage Firefighting equipment may need to be supplied and maintained

## DEFINITIONS

- Access/driveway:** An access to a property/dwelling that has a cleared width of 6m, 4m thereof being trafficable, a vertical clearance to vegetation of 5m and a maximum grade of 8 degrees.
- Asset Protection Zone (APZ):** A low fuel area immediately surrounding a building which is to be a minimum of 20m, increasing with slope. The Shire of Jerramungup may consider a lesser width as part of a variation or Bushfire Management Plan. Refer to "Planning for Bushfire Guidelines" for more information
- Bare earth break:** A strip of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing or flammable vegetation material leaving clear bare mineral earth. Achievable by ploughing, grading or early spraying.
- Dedicated water supply:** water supply that is solely for firefighting purposes and accessible through a 50mm male camlock coupling with full flow valve. Requires a hard standing access adjacent to the water connection and must be readily identifiable.
- Fire fuel:** Any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation or clusters or aggregation, that is likely to fuel a bushfire. Including but not limited to; heavy leaf litter on the ground, in gutters, fallen branches and any combustible material in clusters, all dry grasses exceeding a height of 100mm and any tree within the APZ.
- Parkland clearing:** The selective removal of flammable shrubs and lower vegetation (ladder fuels), along with thinning out dense tree growth, to create a more open, park-like area. The goal is to reduce bushfire intensity by limiting ground-level fuel, while still maintaining some natural vegetation. This method is typically applied over larger areas beyond the immediate zone around buildings.
- Turnaround:** a three point or circular turnaround area, suitable for a heavy-duty fire truck, within 50m of a dwelling.

**Important:** The requirements listed above are a combination of enforceable measures issued under Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and obligations or expectations under the Shire's planning and development framework. For more information, please visit the Shire's website.