

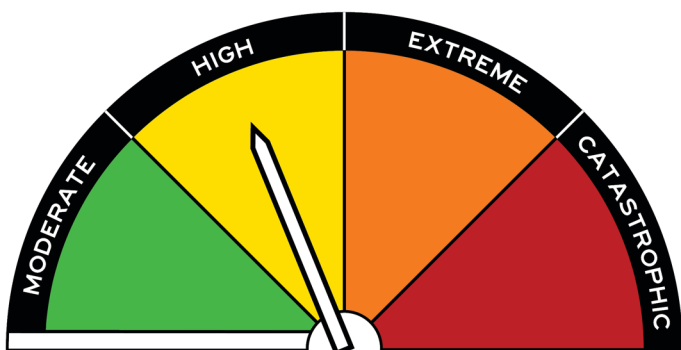


Shire of Collie

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED TO
ALL RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS.

Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2024-2025

Your legal responsibilities and fire safety information.
Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance
with this Notice may result in a \$5000 fine.



FIRE DANGER RATINGS

MODERATE	PLAN AND PREPARE
HIGH	BE READY TO ACT
EXTREME	TAKE ACTION NOW
CATASTROPHIC	LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREA

DIAL 000
TO REPORT ANY FIRE

This notice and information has effect from 1 August.
All previous firebreak notices are hereby cancelled.

FIREBREAK NOTICE

A MINIMUM OF A 3 METRE FIREBREAK IS REQUIRED

*As dates are subject to seasonal change, refer to collie.wa.gov.au or phone 9734 9000 for up-to-date information.

**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954
SHIRE OF COLLIE**

Please read carefully

These are your legal requirements

You are hereby required, and are therefore ordered by the local government for all property owners/occupiers to comply with this Notice and/or an approved Bush Fire Management Plan (BMP) by 01 December each year and maintained compliance until 31 May following for each year and every year. These requirements are defined further in this Notice by the relevant property area.

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended) you are required on or before 1 December to remove from your land whether owned or occupied by you, all inflammable material to install unobstructed mineral earth fire breaks if required that can be trafficable. Thereafter maintain the land up to and including 31 May, in such positions/dimensions as specified within this Notice, or approved in writing by Council or its authorised officers.

Landowners shall note that restrictions exist on clearing native vegetation under other legislation. Clearing in accordance with this Firebreak Notice must be limited to the extent necessary to comply with this Notice.

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A \$5000 FINE

Firebreak: Means a strip of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing or inflammable material leaving clear bare mineral earth 3 metres wide and 5 metres vertical clearance. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging trees, bushes, shrubs and any other object over the firebreak area.

Examples of a compliant and non-compliant firebreaks can be found on the Shire of Collie's website under Fire-Prevention-Supplementary-Information (collie.wa.gov.au)

Firebreaks including by chemical treatment may need to be done several times during the year to ensure compliance from 1 December to 31 May each year.

What can I be fined if I don't comply?

Failure to comply with this Notice	On the Spot Fine of \$250 or prosecution of up to \$5000
Offences relating to lighting fires in open air	\$3000
Setting fire to the bush during prohibited burning times	\$250,000 or up to 14 years imprisonment
Failure of occupier to extinguish bush fire	\$10,000
Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name or abode	\$1000
Failure to produce a permit to burn	\$1000

Legal Requirements for Lot Sizes Under 2024m²

Compliance date: 1 December through to 31 May inclusive each and every year.

Compliance	Compliance requirements
Fuel Reduction	Where your land is under 2024m ² (half acre), all hazardous material is to be removed from the land excluding living plants and trees.
Clearance around Dwellings and Outbuildings	Grasses are to be slashed, mowed or by other means, maintained below 10cm throughout the period of 1 December until 31 May inclusive.
Vacant land – Cleared blocks	Where you have a vacant block that has been cleared. Grasses are to be slashed, mowed or by other means, maintained below 10cm throughout the period of 1 December until 31 May inclusive.
Vacant land – Timbered or Bush Block	Where you have a vacant block that is timbered or bush. Hazardous material is to be removed from the land excluding living plants and trees. This includes dead branches, trees, leaf litter, twigs and bark to an acceptable standard.
Garden refuse and or wood stacks/ piles	2 metre clearance is required around all piles of garden refuse and or wood.

Legal Requirements for Lot Sizes between 2024m² and 5 Hectares

Compliance date: 1 December through to 31 May inclusive each and every year.

Compliance	Compliance requirements
All subdivisions with Bush Fire Management Plans/ and or Variations to Firebreak	Properties to comply with approved Bush Fire Management Plans, approved variation to firebreaks, and this Notice.
Mineral Earth Firebreaks	Minimum 3 metres horizontal and 5 metres vertical clearance firebreak immediately inside all boundaries (can be extended to 6 metres of all boundaries) or as stated in your approved Bush Fire Management Plan. Exempt if pasture maintained below 10cm.
Clearance around Dwellings and Outbuildings	1 metre horizontal and 5 metres vertical clearance around all dwellings and outbuildings. These include sheds, garages, water tanks, storage containers etc. Garden beds are allowed within this area if they are reticulated and maintained.
Asset Protection Zone – 0-20 metres around all dwellings	Area to be free from garden beds, shrubs, plants and grasses, unless it can be demonstrated to be reticulated and/ or regularly maintained. Hazardous material is to be removed excluding living plants and trees. This includes dead branches, trees, leaf litter, twigs and bark to an acceptable standard of no more than 10cm in depth.
Hazard Separation Zone	Low fuel area (up to 10cm in depth) up to a distance of 100 metres between the buildings and the hazard, if land is available.
Ungrazed Pastureland	To be slashed, mowed or by other means, maintained below 10cm throughout the period of 1 December until 31 May inclusive.
Garden refuse and or wood stacks/piles	A 3 metre clearance is required around all piles of garden refuse and or wood.
Fuel storage & haystack protection zone	Construct a 4 metre firebreak not closer than 6 metres around haystacks, and immediately around fuel storage tanks or gas cylinders.

Legal Requirements for All Land Over 5 Hectares

Compliance date: 1 December through to 31 May inclusive each and every year.

Compliance	Compliance requirements
All subdivisions with Bush Fire Management Plans and/or Variations to Firebreaks	ALL properties to comply with approved Bush Fire Management Plans, approved variation to firebreaks and this Notice.
Clearance around Dwellings and Outbuildings	1 metre horizontal and 5 metre vertical clearance around all dwellings and outbuildings. These include sheds, garages, water tanks, storage containers etc. Garden beds are allowed within this area if they are reticulated and maintained.
Asset Protection Zone – 0-20 metres around all dwellings	Area to be free from garden beds, shrubs, plants and grasses, unless it can be demonstrated to be reticulated and/ or regularly maintained. Hazardous material is to be removed excluding living plants and trees. This includes dead branches, trees, leaf litter, twigs and bark. To an acceptable standard of no more than 10cm in depth.
Hazard Separation Zone	Low fuel area (up to 10cm in depth) up to a distance of 100 metres between the buildings and the hazard, if land is available.
Garden refuse and or wood stacks/ piles	3 metre clearance is required around all piles of garden refuse and or wood.
Mineral Earth Firebreaks	Minimum 3 metres horizontal and 5 metres vertical clearance firebreak within 100 metres of all boundaries. Plantations 15 metres horizontal and 5 metres vertical clearance.
Fuel storage & haystack protection zone	Construct a 4 metre firebreak not closer than 6 metres around haystacks, and immediately around fuel storage tanks or gas cylinders.

Read in conjunction with 'Important Information' section on next page

WHAT and WHEN can I burn?	Garden Refuse	Wood or Solid Fuel BBQ, Camp and Cooking Fires	Grass Paddock, Bonfire, Bush
Restricted Burning Period 2 November to 14 December	YES Permit required	YES Check Fire Danger Ratings	YES Permit required
Prohibited Burning Period 15 December to 14 March	ALL FIRES PROHIBITED	ALL FIRE PROHIBITED	ALL FIRES PROHIBITED
Restricted Burning Period 15 March to 31 May	YES Permit required	YES Check Fire Danger Ratings	YES Permit required

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pursuant to section 24G(2) and section 25(1a) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the burning of garden refuse, and camp and cooking fires is prohibited in all areas within the Shire of Collie during the Prohibited Burning Period. Furthermore, pursuant to section 24G(2) the burning of garden refuse is prohibited within the Shire of Collie during the Restricted Burning Period unless a permit to burn has first been obtained from a Fire Control Officer.

Pursuant to section 25(1a) the burning of camping and cooking fires is allowed in the Shire of Collie during the Restricted Burning Period unless otherwise sign posted or fire danger rating is high or above.

On any day during the restricted burning period where the fire danger rating is **HIGH, EXTREME and CATASTROPHIC**, garden refuse, wood or solid fuel barbecues, camp and cooking fires or (pizza ovens without DFES exemption) are NOT permitted to be used under any circumstances. Permits are automatically cancelled on these days.

Due to unseasonable weather conditions **RESTRICTED** and **PROHIBITED** burning dates may be extended or shortened.

Fire Control Officers have the authority under the Bush Fires Act 1954 to halt any activity or operation that they deem as hazardous or likely to start a fire.

Penalties will be enforced by the Shire of Collie for failing to comply with the annual Firebreak notice.

You must check the local newspaper for details or call Shire Rangers on 9734 9000 or 0408 931 274 for further information. The fire danger rating can be found by calling the Bureau of Meteorology SW information line 1300 659 210.

WHAT IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN?

On a Total Fire Ban day, you are not allowed to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. This includes lighting a campfire, using a welder, grinder or incinerator, conducting a burn-off, burning leaves and garden waste, firing up a wood or charcoal BBQ, using a wood-fired pizza oven, driving a vehicle in fire-prone areas and more.

Penalties for breach of a Total Fire Ban are **\$1,000 on-the-spot fine** or up to **\$25,000** and even receive **jail time of up to 12 months** if it is a serious breach.



Shire of
Collie

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Collie Rangers 0408 931 274

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Worsley Graham Genev 0437 883 589

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For information on applying for a Permit to Burn, Asset Protection Zone, Firebreak Variation guidelines and other general information, please refer to the website: collie.wa.gov.au (Fire Prevention Supplementary Information).