



2026 - 2027

Burning Periods

Section 17 & 18 Bush Fires Act 1954

Firebreak and Property Management Notice

Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954

To owners and occupiers of land within
the Shire of Denmark

**THIS IS YOUR FIRST
AND FINAL NOTICE**

Camp and Cooking Fires

Section 25(1a) Bush Fires Act 1954

Other Information

TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 000

Burning Periods 26/27

Section 17 & 18 Bush Fires Act 1954

Restricted - 1 Nov 2026 - 15 Dec 2026

Section 18

PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED - 16 Dec 2026 - 15 Mar 2027

Section 17

Restricted - 16 Mar 2027 - 30 Apr 2027

Section 18

PERMIT REQUIRED



Throughout the year, no outdoor fires are allowed at any time when the Daily Fire Danger Rating is HIGH or above.



It is your responsibility to be aware of the **Daily Fire Danger Rating** and any **Total Fire Bans** which are published online at www.emergency.wa.gov.au



Daily Fire Danger Ratings, Total Fire Bans and **Vehicle Movement Bans** can also be found online at www.denmark.wa.gov.au



At any time, Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period dates may change. **It is your responsibility to be aware of these changes.**

Failure to comply with this notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5000.

Permits to Burn

During the Restricted Burning Period you require a Permit to Burn if you would like to carry out a burn on your property.

To obtain a permit, you must contact your local Fire Control Officer at least 3 days prior to the time you wish to burn to complete the necessary paperwork and get the necessary approval.

If your permit is granted, you must adhere to the conditions listed on the permit.

No permits will be issued for properties under 2000m².

Remember: Fire Control Officers are volunteers, so please be respectful of their time.

See 'Other Information' for Fire Control Officer contact details.



You should always register your burn with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), at all times of the year.

This prevents firefighters from being called out if smoke is reported.

Contact DFES on (08) 9395 9209.

For other relevant information, including FAQs, go to **denmark.wa.gov.au/fire**

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Maintenance Period

1 December 2026 - 30 April 2027

Your property must be maintained for this entire period

Compliance Inspections Commence

1 December 2026

All properties, including vacant land, are required to comply with this notice.

If the requirements of this notice are not completed to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer, **an on the spot fine of \$250 will be issued.**

An Authorised Officer is legally able to enter your property without warning or permission to conduct compliance inspections.

This document lists **your legal responsibilities** to address bushfire hazards at your property. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand what is required and act accordingly.

For more help understanding your responsibilities please visit
denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Your Property Must Have...

All requirements of category

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PLUS

All requirements of category

2a

OR

2b

AND

Any Additional Responsibilities

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- **Asset Protection Zone**
- **Vehicular Access**

Properties **less than 5000m²**
(**1.23 acres**) must have:

2a

- **Slashed, mowed or trimmed grass /groundcover**, not exceeding 100mm, and,
- **Managed flammable material.**

Properties **over 5000m²** (**1.23 acres**) must have:

2b

- **Firebreak (Low Fuel Boundary Access or LFBA)** An additional LFBA is required to break up bushland areas exceeding 40 hectares.
- **Grassland and groundcover** maintained to 100mm unless justified to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer to be within an actively managed agricultural pursuit.

Additional Responsibilities

Strategic Fire Access Routes must meet approved Town Planning Scheme provisions or the requirements of an adopted Subdivision Guide plan. If such a route is located on your property, maintenance is your responsibility.

Outbuildings/Sheds outside of the Asset Protection Zone require a Low Fuel Boundary extending 3m from the outermost point of the structure and no overhanging branches unless there is 3m-high vertical clearance.

Haystacks, Wood, or Stockpiled Flammable Material require a 3m-wide Low Fuel Boundary.

Plantations must be maintained in accordance with the Plantation Fire Protection guidelines developed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Specific Hazards A 3m-wide Low Fuel Boundary is required for infrastructure including, but not limited to water tanks, power, telecommunications and solar.

Fuel and Chemical Storage requires a 10m-wide Low Fuel Boundary.

Compliance Inspections occur from **1 December 2026 to 30 April 2027** and properties may be inspected more than once during this time.

Shire of Denmark contractors may enter your property to carry out any works required by this notice at your expense.

Definitions

APZ Definition and Requirements

Asset Protection Zone (APZ): The 20m zone immediately surrounding any habitable building measured from any external wall, supporting post or column.

This includes (but is not limited to) outbuildings, sheds, and any built structure within that zone, and must meet all of the following requirements:

- **All Flammable Matter** (including leaf litter and firewood) shall be removed from all walls, roofs, gutters and from under unenclosed decking or house structure.
- **Managed Vegetation** such as leaf litter and fallen dead vegetation should not have a depth of more than 5cm. Dead plants (all or part) should be removed
- **Overhanging Trees** shall have no branches overhanging any built asset unless there is 3m vertical clearance.
- **Lawns/Grass** maintained to less than 100mm

Flammable Material: Accumulated fuel such as dry grass, leaf litter, twigs, branches, rubbish, dead trees, firewood, stored fuels, that can be easily ignited or is likely to catch fire and burn.

Flammable Material also includes any other thing deemed by an Authorised Officer to be likely to catch fire but excludes living trees, growing bushes, plants in gardens and/or lawns under cultivation and milled timber.

Low Fuel Boundary: A maintained area directly around a structure or hazard that has been cleared of all combustible material likely to fuel a fire.

Vehicular Access: Overall 6m wide with trafficable surface 4m wide, and 4.5m minimum vertical clearance. Includes driveways longer than 50m which must allow for the safe travel of emergency vehicles and include a turn-around area.

Trafficable: An unimpeded route (may be ploughed, cultivated, mulched, sprayed or otherwise clear) accessible to four-wheel drive fire vehicles.

Clearing Native Vegetation

Clearing activities that are outside of the minimum requirements outlined in this notice may require a clearing permit.

Penalties apply for unauthorised clearing.

Refer to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Department of Planning, Land and Heritage and Environmental Protection Agency for more information.

Property Access and Boundary Maintenance (firebreaks/LFBA): A trafficable portion of land cleared of all trees, shrubs, grass, and other combustible material, providing a 'fuel-free' area as close as practical to the internal perimeter of the property, meeting the definition of Vehicular Access. A LFBA must not terminate, lead to a dead-end, have tight bends or be without safe egress routes.



For more information **scan the QR code**, or go to denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Additional Requirements

In addition to this notice, any property subject to an approved Bushfire Attack Level assessment and/or Bushfire Management Plan must also adhere to the conditions of those documents.

Variations

Applications for a variation must be received before **1 December 2026**.

A variation is not an exemption.

It is an application to employ other methods of preparedness to land that you own and/or occupy.

You can check your eligibility for a variation, at denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Camp and Cooking Fires

Section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

Prohibited Burning Period

Outdoor fires are **not permitted anywhere** in the Shire of Denmark during the **Prohibited Burning Period**.

This includes:

Solid fuel barbeques (e.g. weber)

Fire pits

Outdoor pizza ovens

Camp and cooking fires

Restricted Burning Period

For camping or cooking, outdoor fires are **not permitted** during the **Restricted Burning Period**, unless all of the following criteria are met:

- Fire Danger Rating is moderate or below.
- You should have the means to extinguish the fire and remain with the fire at all times.
- There must be a 3m radius clear of combustible material and it should be contained within one of the following:
 - A purpose-built structure of brick or rocks and mortar,
 - A purpose-built steel container recognisable as a properly constructed barbecue, or,
 - A fire pit with a maximum diameter of 1m and minimum depth of 30cm.

Other Information

Book a Ranger until 1 December

Request an appointment with our Rangers to talk through the notice and/or variations at your property.

Visit denmark.wa.gov.au/book-a-ranger

Bushfire Ready

Follow or join your local Bushfire Ready group for helpful tips and assistance. Visit yourdenmark.wa.gov.au/be-bush-fire-ready.

Local Fire Control Officers

Fire Control Officers (FCOs) can grant permits to burn. To contact your local FCO, visit denmark.wa.gov.au/brigades

To report a fire, call 000

You are responsible for your own safety

Emergency alerts and other important information are available at the following sources:

www.emergency.wa.gov.au
ABC Great Southern local radio
www.denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

You can subscribe to receive SMS Alerts from the Shire of Denmark at www.denmark.wa.gov.au/subscribe

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