



2025 - 2026

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 25/26

Section 17 &18 Bush Fires Act 1954

Unrestricted - 1 May 2025 - 31 Oct 2025

*NO BURNING AT ANY TIME WHEN THE FIRE DANGER RATING IS HIGH OR ABOVE**

Restricted - 1 Nov 2025 - 15 Dec 2025

Section 18
PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED - 16 Dec 2025 - 15 Mar 2026

Section 17

Restricted - 16 Mar 2026 - 30 Apr 2026

Section 18
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Unrestricted - 1 May 2026 - 31 Oct 2026

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



*No burning at ANY time if Fire Danger Rating is **High or above** under section 24D of the Bush Fires Act 1954.



You should always register your burn with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), **even during the Unrestricted Period**. 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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Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954

Maintenance Period

1 Dec 2025 – 30 Apr 2026

Your property must be maintained for this entire period

Compliance Inspections Commence

1 Dec 2025

All residents 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:

www.denmark.wa.gov.au/firebreak-and-fuel-management-notice.aspx

Your Property Must Have...

All requirements of category **1**

PLUS

All requirements of category **2a** **OR** **2b**

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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 flammable material removed from roofs, gutters and no overhanging branches.

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

Plantations must be maintained to meet Plantation Fire Protection guidelines developed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

Hazard Specific Fire Breaks require 3m Low Fuel Boundary (LFB) and include but are not limited to power, telecommunications, solar and water tanks.

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

Compliance Inspections

Inspections occur from **1 December 2025 to 30 April 2026**. 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 Standards

Asset Protection Zone (APZ) The 20m zone immediately surrounding any habitable building measured from any external wall, supporting post or column, that meets **all** of the following standards:

- **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** - Leaf litter and fallen dead vegetation should not have a depth of more than 5cm. Dead plants (all or part) should be removed
- **Large Trees (larger than 5m tall)**
 - 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, trash, dead trees, firewood, stored fuels, that can be easily ignited or is likely to catch fire and burn. It includes any other thing deemed by an authorised officer to be likely to catch fire but excludes living trees, growing bushes, and plants in gardens and/or lawns under cultivation.

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.

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.

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.

Variations

A variation is not an exemption

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

Applications for a variation must be received before 1 December 2025.

You can check your eligibility for a variation, here:

www.denmark.wa.gov.au/firebreak-and-fuel-management-notice.aspx

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.

Camp and Cooking Fires

Section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

The 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

The 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 must have the means to extinguish the fire and must remain with the fire at all times.
- Is on a permanent residence and is not temporary or holiday accommodation.
- There must be a 3m radius clear of combustible material and it must 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 Dec 1st

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 a Bushfire Ready group for helpful tips and assistance.

Visit yourdenmark.wa.gov.au/be-bush-fire-ready.



Scan the QR code for
video tips or visit:
denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Local Fire Control Officers

Carmarthen	Craig Hughes	0407 223 297
Denmark Town	Darin Hockley	0417 968 776
	Paul Beazley	0418 950 981
East Denmark	Gary Burford	0409 668 443
Hazelvale/Tingledale	Patrick O'Neill	0433 480 910
Harewood	Chris Hudson	0467 819 912
Kordabup	Craig Lilley	0417 746 848
Mt Lindesay	Murray Brooker & Em Harper	0429 094 136
Nornalup	Ian Coulson	0402 764 712
Ocean Beach	Graham Dixon	0412 920 069
Owingup	Bryce Edwards	0455 913 764
Peaceful Bay	Michael Thorpe	0428 408 070
Shadforth/Scotsdale	Geoff Bowley	0444 584 697
Somerset Hill	Gavin Butler	0437 972 053
William Bay	Mark Guerin	0428 913 937

To report a fire, call 000

Chief Bushfire Control Officer

0428 788 008

Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer

0408 956 133

Senior Fire Control Officers

0417 746 848

0447 482 244

Community Emergency Services Manager

0428 913 937

Ranger Services

(08) 9848 0300

**You are responsible
for your own safety**

**Emergency Alerts and other important
information is 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**