



## Bush Fire Notice Information

Managing the risk of bushfire is a shared responsibility: local and state government agencies along with the community all need to do their part. This pamphlet contains important information on what you need to do to ensure your property is well prepared for the threat of bushfire.

### Information and Frequently Asked Questions

#### Is it compulsory to comply with the Fire Break Notice?

Yes. All property owners in the City of Nedlands must comply with the Notice. It is a requirement under the Bush Fires Act 1954. By complying with the Notice you are helping to reduce the risk of fire to the community as well as keeping your neighbours and families safe.

#### What are the requirements of the notice?

For residential land – all grass to be slashed and inflammable matter cleared from the land to a height no greater than 50mm. This is to be completed by 30 November until 31 March the following year.

For all other land - create a fire break that is clear of all inflammable matter on the land to a height no greater than 50mm and for width of no less than three metres from immediately inside the external boundaries of the property. Where there are trees in the fire break they must be trimmed back to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum three and a half metres to allow fire appliances to drive along the fire break.

#### Does the notice apply to the nature strip?

The Notice applies to the land owned and/or occupied by the property owner and does not include the nature strip which forms part of the road reserve. The City principally relies on residents for the improvement and maintenance of nature strips and encourages nature strips to be maintained by the adjacent owner/occupier in support of the Bush Fires Act requirements.





### Do vacant blocks have to comply with the notice?

Yes. Refer to the requirements of the Notice for the minimum standards required for your land size.

### What happens if I do not comply with the Notice by the required date?

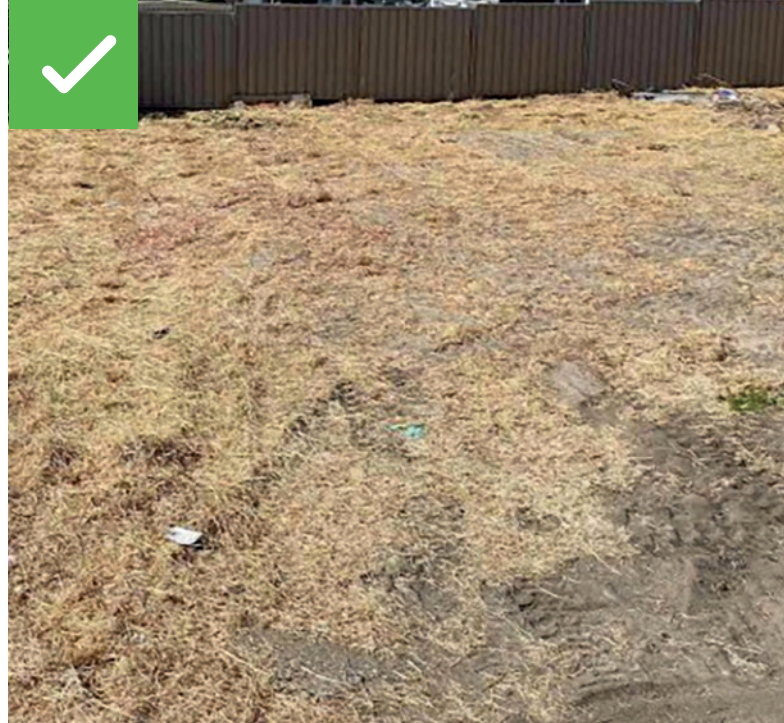
The City may issue you with a \$250 infringement notice and undertake works on your property to ensure it is compliant with the Notice. As the property owner you will be liable for the costs and expenses associated with these works. In certain cases where the property owner fails or neglects to comply with the Notice you may be found guilty of an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$5000.

### Who can I report a fire hazard or non-compliance to?

Report potential fire hazards or any suspected non-compliance to Ranger Services on **9273 3500**.

### Bush Fire Plan

Bushfires can start anywhere at any time. Creating a bushfire plan is one of the most critical and valuable things you can do, and you can complete it in just 15 minutes. DFES provide tools to prepare your bushfire plan at [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au).



### I recently purchased a property, and the real estate agent or previous property owner did not tell me about these requirements?

It is the responsibility of the current property owner to comply with the conditions of the Notice.

### I am having difficulty getting the work done in compliance with the Notice. Can I clear the property in variation to the notice?

If it is impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or take measures in accordance with the Notice, you may apply in writing to the City before 15 November for permission to implement alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing, you shall comply with the requirements of the Notice.

### Can I burn garden refuse?

During the Prohibited Burning Period (15 December to 31 March) owners and/or occupiers must not burn garden refuse, rubbish or any other materials. Outside of the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period Garden refuse can only be burnt on the ground or in an incinerator with the written approval of the Manager of Health & Compliance under Section 36 of the *City of Nedlands Health Local Law 2017*.

**All burning is prohibited absolutely if the Fire Danger Rating is High, Extreme or Catastrophic.**

Please see [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) for more information.