DEFINITIONS

BUSH LAND: Land other than pastured or grassed land including plantations of less than (8) hectares.

EXTERNAL BOUNDARY: Means the external perimeter boundary of contiguous land contained within the same ownership, irrespective of whether it contains one or more allotments.

FIRE BREAK: Means a trafficable portion of land being the prescribed width and height, clear of all flammable and combustible material, litter and forest fuels.

FLAMMABLE MATERIAL: Means accumulated fuel (living or dead) such as leaf litter, twigs, bark, dead trees and grass over the height of 100mm and anything deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion. Flammable Material excludes cultivated plants located in gardens, fruit or vegetables plants, live standing trees or approved structures.

FOREST FUEL: Is any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation, in clusters or aggregated with other combustible materials. It includes but is not limited to vegetation both on the ground and suspended, leaves, sticks, fallen branches, twigs and bracken. This definition excludes live standing trees.

FIRE SEASON: Means the period of time set out as the *Restricted and Prohibited Burning Season* and any variation. When applying '*Fire Season*' to the summary of requirements for your property the start dates are (*Zone 8 - 11 December 2026* & *Zone 6 - 18 December 2026*).

GRASSED LAND: Land used for the purpose of grazing or cropping.

LITTER: Means leaves, small sticks, twigs and branches immediately above the soil surface.

LIVE STANDING TREE: Means perennial plant having a permanent woody, self supporting main stem or trunk, usually growing to considerable height and usually developing branches at some distance from the ground.

Live standing trees exhibit a distinct crown of foliage with a stem diameter at breast height of at least 100mm. A live standing tree will continue to have sap movement along the cambium layer (layer of living cells) located under the bark.

PLANTATIONS: Land upon which any pine or eucalypt species of tree is planted on an area exceeding (8) hectares.

PLANTATION BOUNDARY: Shall mean contiguous parcels of land under separate ownership, lease or any form of contractual or financial arrangements whatsoever.

TOWN SITE LAND: All land located within the gazetted townsite boundaries of Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole, and Settlements of Jardee, Palgarup, Quinninup, Nyamup, Windy Harbour and Deanmill.

TRAFFICABLE: Means a portion of land free from overhanging trees, limbs or vegetation or any other natural or man made object to a vertical height of (5) metres, traversable by a large fire fighting appliance.

PARK LAND CLEARING: Means the removal of forest fuels whilst leaving live standing trees and predominate vegetation so as to maintain a reasonable forest fuel load at the required standard or below.

ZONED LAND: Means all land described in the *Shire of Manjimup Local Planning Scheme No 4*.

REGULATED BURNING TIMES

These dates are inclusive and subject to change

	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED (no burning / no open fires)	RESTRICTED
ZONE 8 MANJIMUP / PEMBERTON / QUINNINUP	9 Nov 2026 to 21 Dec 2026	22 Dec 2026 to 14 Mar 2027	15 Mar 2027 to 26 Apr 2027
ZONE 6 NORTHCLIFFE / WALPOLE	19 Nov 2026 to 31 Dec 2026	1 Jan 2027 to 28 Feb 2027	1 Mar 2027 to 12 Apr 2027

Prohibited Burning Times:
No burning per permitted.

Restricted Burning Times:
Burning can only be carried out with a Permit from your Fire Control Officer.

Application to Vary:
*If considered impractical for any reason to comply with this Notice, you **must** apply to the Shire of an 'Application to Vary' no later than the 1 December 2026.*

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER SHIRE

FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2026 / 2027

Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

PROTECT PROPERTY | PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY | REDUCE BUSHFIRE RISK

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

RANGERS WILL BE INSPPECTING PROPERTIES, PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE $5,000

The requirements of this notice must be in place by:

ZONE 8 - 11 DECEMBER 2026

ZONE 6 - 18 DECEMBER 2026

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

Check Fire Danger | Correct Equipment | Notify Neighbours | Stay with your fire | Extinguish Completely

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Brigade	Name	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	Gary Ryan	0408 941 236
Diamond	Rob Thorn Mick Terrigno	0409 815 977 0419 864 687 9771 1637
Dingup	Shane Muddle	0419 753 780
Dunreath	Jeff Bennett	0427 447 471
Manjimup / Pemberton	Shire Rangers	9771 7777
Mordalup	Mark Muir	0427 691 001 9769 1001
Northcliffe Townsite	Paul Owens	0427 667 199
Northcliffe	Peter Russell Jeff Bennett	9776 7148 0427 447 471
Pemberton Rural	Mark Roche Dustine Swallow	0427 761 510 0457 199 313
Perup	Kent Muir	0438 724 282
Quinninup	Glen Ryan	0428 827 126
Quinninup Town	Mick Eastwood	0438 731 960
Ringbarkers	Paul Tempra Frank Shaw	0417 095 899 9771 1311 0473 371 185
Seven Day Rd / Appadene	Tom Winfield Peter Parker	0417 964 463 0427 761 285
Smith Brook	Bill Rice	0427 057 243
Springfield	Nigel Pitts Keith Jackson	0400 422 334 9776 1206
Upper Warren	John Mottram	0417 993 536 9773 1179
Walpole	Glen Burton Richard Williams	0447 822 897 0429 442 252
Yanmah	Brad Wren	0427 959 431

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 000

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP	9771 7777
FIRE DUTY OFFICER (A/HOURS)	0427 913 252
CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER *Remo Pessotto*	0427 270 714
DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER *Brad Wren*	0427 959 431

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS (*WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE ON YOUR PROPERTY*)

Land Category (where you are unsure of your Land Category please contact the Shire of Manjimup)	The Sections you are required to have in place.								
Land within a Townsite Boundary and land zoned Caravan Park	A								I
Karri Lakes Estate Quinninup		B	C		E				I
Land used for Timber Plantations		B				F			I
Land zoned Rural, Reserves, Rural Small Holdings, General and Priority Agriculture		B	C				G		I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Bush Land Protection, Rural Conservation, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use (***Bush Land Properties only***)		B	C	D	E				I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use (***Grassed or Pasture only***)		B						H	I

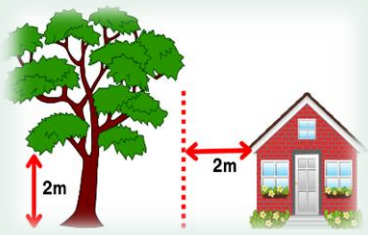
SECTION A

Remove all *flammable material* from the whole of the property OR all *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm **throughout the fire season**.

SECTION B

Building Protection Zone - Where a dwelling exists on your property you are required to have a Building Protection Zone for a minimum of (20) metres measured from any external wall of a dwelling. ***Subject to the required clearing permit being obtained***, a property owner may extend the Building Protection Zone to a maximum of (40) metres.

For all outbuildings on your property you need only to comply with Clause 1 in this Section.



1. Remove all flammable material within (20) metres of any dwelling or outbuilding.
2. Tree trunks to be free of branches to a height of (2) metres.
3. No trees are to over hang the dwelling.
4. No tall shrub over (1) metre in height or live standing tree is to be located within (2) metres from any part of a dwelling.
5. Shrubs are not to be located under trees, are not to be planted in clumps greater than $5m^2$ in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated by at least (5) metres.
6. The Shire of Manjimup permits the clearing of live standing trees in the Building Protection Zone ***subject to the land owner obtaining a clearing permit*** from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Please contact the Shire of Manjimup for assistance.

SECTION C

Fuel Hazard Reduction Bush lands - Forest fuel in your bush land must not exceed the following parameters for your property. (Sampling and fuel calculation should be as approved by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services procedures).

- **Karri:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Jarrah / Marri:** 8 tonnes per hectare = 800 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Mixed Forest:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.

Acceptable methods of fuel hazard reduction include Hand Clearing, Mechanical Clearing, Park Land Clearing, Fuel Hazard Reduction Burning.

SECTION D

Where Bush Land exists on your property

A *trafficable firebreak* clear of all *flammable material* and not less than (3) metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the external boundary of all land and be **maintained throughout the fire season.** Turn around areas designed to accommodate a 3.4 fire fighting appliance (as pictured) must be constructed every 500 metres.

SECTION E

Where *strategic firebreaks* are located on your land, they must be maintained in accordance with this notice or approved subdivision plans, whichever requirement is greater.

SECTION F

1. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* of not less than (15) metres wide around and inside the boundaries of all plantations established after 2009 (existing plantations established in 2009 or earlier require a firebreak of (10) metres wide).
2. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* not less than (6) metres wide within the plantation so as to divide the plantation into compartments not exceeding (30) hectares each.
3. Maintain all *firebreaks* in a *trafficable* condition. Trees on both sides of the firebreaks are to be pruned to a minimum height of (5) metres to allow for unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles so as to maintain an effective firebreak width.
4. Where dwellings exist within (100) metres of a Plantation, no Plantation trees shall be planted within (50) metres of any existing or proposed dwelling. A further (50) metres of plantation should be pruned and have ground fuels reduced so as to provide a minimum of a (100) metre low fuel zone area immediately surrounding any dwelling.

SECTION G

1. **Abutting a Residential Zone** - Where rural land, whether bushland or pastured, abuts a residential zone boundary a (3) metre firebreak shall be constructed along the common boundary of the residential zone.
2. **Bushland** - Where bushland exceeds more than (1) hectare and abuts a boundary, a trafficable firebreak of not less than (3) metres must be constructed along the boundary and within (15) metres of that boundary.
3. **Grain Crops** - Shall have a (3) metre firebreak around the perimeter of the crop, this firebreak is to remain in place unit the crop is harvested. During harvesting of the crop you must have an operational fire fighting unit full of water (not less than 600 litres) located within the paddock being harvested.
4. **Fuel Storage / Hay Sheds** - Shall have constructed a (6) metre firebreak immediately adjacent to any fuel storage and or hay sheds.

SECTION H

1. **Fuel Hazard Reduction** - All *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm and **maintained throughout the fire season.**
2. **Dwelling / Outbuilding** - Where a dwelling or outbuilding exists on your property you need to remove all *flammable material* within (20) metres from any external walls of that building.

SECTION I

Where a *Fire Management Plan* exists for a Subdivision or a property, the requirements of the plan needs to be in place.