



Shire of Wickepin

2023/2024 Bush Fire Season Information

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Burning Periods

Restricted 1 October 2023 – 13 November 2023

Prohibited 14 November 2023 – 7 February 2024

Restricted 8 February 2024 – 14 April 2024

Dual Fire Control Officers

Narrogin – Trevor Leeson, Nathan Astbury and Philip Russell

Pingelly – Roger Butler and Jim Hamilton

Kulin – Wes Astbury, David Stacey, Tim Heffernan and Todd Mullan

Wagin – Nathan Astbury and Daniel White

Corrigin – David Stacey and Jim Hamilton

Dumbleyung – Gordon McDougall and Wes Astbury

Cuballing – Luke Lansdell, Roger Butler and Trevor Leeson

Automatic Harvest Bans

An automatic Harvest ban and fire ban applies throughout the shire on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. No lighting of fires on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

HARVEST BAN HOTLINE

9888 1312

IN CASE OF FIRE

RING 000 FIRST

Bush Fires Act 1954
Shire of Wickepin
Annual Firebreak Notice 2023-2024

Action is required by owners and / or occupiers of all land in the Shire of Wickepin. Please read this notice carefully. Any queries should be directed to the Shire of Wickepin Administration Centre or Local Shire Bush Fire Control Officer. Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, owners and occupiers of property within the Shire of Wickepin are hereby required on or before 1 October 2023 and thereafter to 14 April 2024 to plough, scarify or otherwise provide and maintain firebreaks clear of all inflammable material at least 2.5 metres wide as follows –

Rural Land

Inside the boundary of all land held by each owner or occupier, firebreaks need not follow the perimeter of any paddock and will be acceptable following land contours in an endeavour to overcome water erosion –

- To subdivide each holding into lots of no greater than 400 hectares; and
- To surround the homestead, out buildings and fuel storages on any such land.
- From 15 October 2023 all harvesting, baling and stubble crunching (including cutting and raking) operations, there shall be an operational mobile engine powered firefighting unit or units with a minimum combined capacity of 1,200 litres of available water, located in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested and / or baled. The minimum capacity of any single firefighting unit shall be 600 litres of available water. The responsibility to supply and operate the firefighting unit lies with the landowner and / or occupier.

Townsite Land

All lots within the townsites of Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering are required to be cleared and maintained free of all debris or inflammable material. Failure to comply with these requirements renders the owner or occupier liable to a penalty of \$5,000.

Clearing of Fence Lines

When clearing for new fence lines adjoining road reserves, you must have written approval from the Shire of Wickepin prior to commencement of clearing works. Landholders are asked to consider locating the fence three (3) metres inside the boundary to avoid any clearing on road reserves. Old fences should first be removed. If landholders wish to place the fence on the boundary, they may clear no more than one (1) metre beyond the boundary. This may be varied in special circumstances at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Wickepin. Any timber removed from the road reserve is to be pushed onto the owner's property.

Fencing of Road Reserves

Council encourages farmers to fence off road reserves running through properties to protect trees on these reserves and to allow new growth of vegetation.

Burning on Roadsides

Should property owners wish to carry out burning of the road reserve adjacent to the property, it is necessary to obtain Shire approval prior to any burning taking place.

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Restricted Burning – 1 October 2023 to 13 November 2023

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Restricted Burning – 8 February 2024 to 14 April 2024

Harvest and Fire Ban 2023-2024 Season

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Lighting of fires is banned on Good Friday and Easter Sunday