

Time to take action

Clean up and be prepared for the fire season



It is time to clean up your property ahead of the fire season.

All owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Williams shall have firebreaks from the **5th November to the 12th April** period of the dimensions prescribed in the Shire of Williams local law.

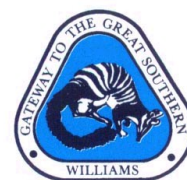
Rural land

- (1) During the conduct of any harvesting/straw baling operations, stone raking and slashing activities, an operational independent fire fighting unit containing not less than 750 litres of water with a motorised pump and at least 15 metres of 19 millimetres diameter hose is to be provided in the same paddock or within 50 metres of that paddock.
- (2) All flammable material is to be removed from around buildings and stacks in hay and straw processing plants to a width of 20 metres.

Townsite land

- (1) Where the area of land is 2,024 square metres (or half an acre) or less, all flammable material is to be removed except living standing trees.
- (2) Where the area of land exceeds 2,024 square metres (or half an acre), all flammable material likely to be conducive to an outbreak, spread or extension of fire is to be removed, and the grass is to be maintained to a height no greater than 10 centimetres.
- (3) All flammable material is to be removed from around buildings, fuel dumps and liquid fuel containers to a width of 20 metres.
- (4) All habitable buildings are to include a building protection zone of 20 metres in width.

To the Householder



WHEN CAN YOU BURN?

Restricted Burning Period

Permits are required between the period of 23rd September to the 31st October and 15th February to 29th March. Burning permits can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. Please remember the Fire Control Officers are volunteers - you may have to leave a message and they will get back to you.

Please plan ahead - do not ring a Fire Control Officer on the day you want to burn and expect a permit, as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours and the Fire Control Officers need to be contacted well in advance of that.

Prohibited Burning Period

A Total Fire Ban applies between the 1st November to 14th February. This includes camp fires.

What can I burn?	1m ³ Garden Refuse 6pm to 11pm	Wood and Solid Fuel Barbecue	Grass, Paddock, Bon- fire, Bush
Restricted Burning Period Permits Required 23 September to 31 October	Yes	Yes	Yes Permit Required Contact your local Fire Control Officer
Prohibited Burning Period 1 November to 14 February	No Burning and No Fires		
	No	Gas and Electric only	No
Restricted Burning Period Permits Required 15 February to 29 March	Yes	Yes	Yes Permit Required Contact your local Fire Control Officer

HARVEST BANS

You may register your mobile phone number at the Shire Office to receive a text message in the event of a harvest ban OR Emergency Broadcast (if you have not already done so).

The harvest ban information line will again be operational. Just dial 9885 1588 to hear the recorded message.

For further queries please contact the Shire office—9885 1005.

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