

# Fire Prevention and Firebreak Requirements



**Owners of vacant land, as well as owner /occupiers of residential properties are required to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954.**

**Firebreaks are a legal requirement.**

Firebreaks must be cleared and maintained between 1 November and 31 March every year.

## **Property inspections**

During the period between 1 November and 31 March each year, the City's Community Rangers conduct inspections of all land within the district to ensure properties are fire-safe and to protect the greater community from the risk of an outbreak of fire. Residents are also encouraged to report incidents of possible fire hazards on neighbouring properties.

## **Failure to comply**

The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements may incur a fine of up to \$5000. In addition to this fine, the City may undertake the necessary land clearance work on private land and recover the costs and expenses from the owner / occupier.

## **Burning-off restrictions**

Burning-off with the City of Bayswater is prohibited under the provisions of the City's Local Laws.

Clearance of bushland and the disposal of waste should be carried out by methods other than burning.

# BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 FIREBREAK NOTICE

## City of Bayswater

Notice to all landowners and occupiers of land in the City of Bayswater.

All landowners and occupiers of land within the City of Bayswater are advised that, on or before the 1 November 2018 or within fourteen days of the date of becoming an owner or occupier up to and including 31 March 2019 must ensure compliance with the following firebreak conditions:

All land which is 2000 square metres or less in area:

- Remove all inflammable matter from the whole of the land, except living trees and
- Shrubs; plants under cultivation and lawn, by means of ploughing, cultivating or
- Slashing to a height of no more than 50mm

All other land within the City of Bayswater:

- Firebreaks of a minimum width and height of 3 metres are to be cleared immediately inside all external boundaries of the land;
- Firebreaks of a minimum width of 3 metres and height of 3 metres are to be cleared immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land; and any place where inflammable liquids and gas products are kept.

If for any reason an owner and/or occupier consider it impractical to clear firebreaks or comply with other fire protection measures in accordance with this Notice, the owner and/or occupier may apply in writing to Council not later than 31 October 2018.

Where an owner and/or occupier of land fails or neglects to comply with any requirement of this Notice, Council may undertake the work and recover the costs and expenses from the owner and/or occupier pursuant to the Act, in addition to any penalty which might be imposed. A Penalty of not more than \$5,000 applies.

Burning off within the City of Bayswater is prohibited. All clearing and disposal of waste should be carried out by methods other than burning.

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**For further information on fire prevention and requirements visit [www.bayswater.wa.gov.au](http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au) or contact Ranger Services on 9272 0972 or email: [mail@bayswater.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bayswater.wa.gov.au)**

