

Fire Hazard Community Guidance

The City of Bayswater's Community Safety team will conduct inspections of more than 700 vacant properties throughout the Bushfire Season, which runs from **1 November to 31 March**. Inspections will be prioritised in areas identified as higher risk to ensure effective and efficient use of resources.

During this period, the City anticipates a considerable number of enquiries from residents reporting potential fire hazards. In many cases, however, these reported concerns are found to be instances of general neglect or unkempt vegetation, rather than genuine fire risks.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Clarify the distinction between a **fire hazard** and an **unkempt property**.
- Provide guidance to residents on how to maintain their properties in compliance with fire safety requirements.
- Offer visual examples of professionally installed and maintained **firebreaks**.

By increasing community understanding, we aim to support residents in reducing bushfire risk and maintaining a safe environment for all.

FIRE HAZARD	CORRECTLY INSTALLED FIREBREAK
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FIRE HAZARD BEFORE AND AFTER



NOT CONSIDERED A FIRE HAZARD
BLOCK IS SAND AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A FIRE



NOT CONSIDERED A FIRE HAZARD
GRASS IS SLASHED WITH HEALTHY, GREEN AND/OR SPARCE VEGETATION



NOT CONSIDERED A FIRE HAZARD – UNKEPT LAND

GARDEN IS UNKEPT, VEGETATION IS GREEN AND BORDERED BY ROAD, PATH OR DRIVEWAY



If you would like further information on Bushfire Prevention, please contact our Community Safety team on 1300 360 333.