

Fire Control Notice 2026 – 2027

First and Final Notice to all landowners and occupiers.

Your property must comply
on **16 November 2026** and
be maintained through to
31 May 2027.

Penalties of up to \$5,000 for
non-compliance, pursuant
to *Section 33 of the Bushfires
Act 1954*.



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You have a legal requirement to carry out fire prevention works

Compliance inspections will commence from 16 November 2026.

Pursuant to **Section 33 (4) of the Bush Fires Act 1954**, where the owner and/or occupier of the land fails or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this Notice within the specified times, the City of Rockingham may, by its officers and with such servants, workmen and contractors, vehicles and machinery as the officers deem fit, enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of this Notice which have not been complied with and pursuant to **Section 33 (5) of the Bush Fires Act 1954**, the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

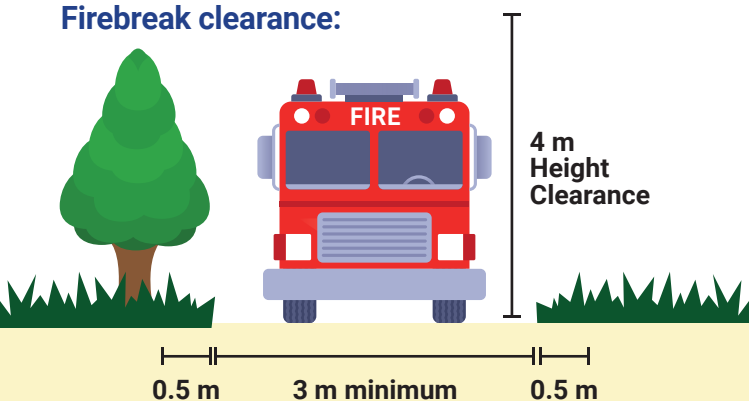
Owners/Occupiers of land 4,047 m² or greater (over one acre vacant or developed) must:

- install and maintain mineral earth firebreaks as per firebreak specifications.
- ensure driveways and access ways to all buildings are maintained at a minimum of three (3) metres in width and a vertical clearance height of four (4) metres, with all overhanging vegetation trimmed back to clear access.
- slash ungrazed grassland to no greater than 50 mm.

Owners/Occupiers of vacant land with an area of less than 4047 m² (less than one acre) must:

- have the entire vacant land clear of weed and/or long grasses and/or shrubs by slashing, mowing or other means to a height no greater than 50 mm.
- remove accumulated fuel such as leaf litter, twigs, dead bush and dead trees capable of carrying a running fire.

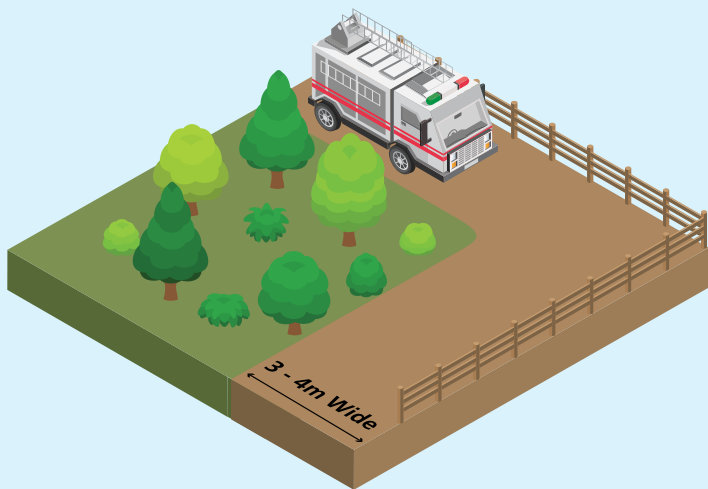
Firebreak clearance:



Firebreak Specifications

Firebreaks are intended to minimise the spread or extension of a bushfire and provide safe access for emergency response vehicles. Firebreaks must:

- measure (3) metres wide immediately inside and along all boundaries (including on boundaries adjacent to roads, rail and drain reserves and all public open space reserves) and not wider than four (4) metres. Further width extensions may be considered upon written application for approval by the City.
- have a vertical clearance height of (4) metres, with all overhanging vegetation trimmed back clear of the firebreak.
- be mineral earth, and clear of any obstructions or a living lawn, in lieu of a mineral earth firebreak, provided it meets the above-mentioned width and height requirement.
- not terminate in a cul-de-sac (dead end).



Additional Fire Prevention Works

You may be required to carry out additional fire prevention works to reduce hazards determined by a Fire Control Officer.


Additional works, if required, will be specified in a work order forwarded to the address of the owner/occupier. This work order could require you to:

- clear roofs, gutters or walls of inflammable materials.
- remove excess fuel such as leaf litter, twigs or inflammable matter.
- slash or mow unmanaged grasses/weeds.
- reduce vegetation e.g. overhanging branches or grasses between outer edges of firebreaks to property boundaries.
- other specific measures to reduce bushfire risk.

Bushfire Management Plans (BMP)

Some properties are subject to Bushfire Management Plans (BMP) in addition to this notice.

If your property is subject to a BMP, you must comply with the requirements of that treatment plan year-round.



Variation to the Fire Control Notice

To request authorisation to use other methods of fire prevention on your land outside of this notice, please apply in writing together with an "Application to Vary Firebreaks" form (available on the City's website rockingham.wa.gov.au/firecontrol). Completed forms must be submitted to the City no later than 15 October 2026. **Approved variations are only valid for one season, and new applications are required annually.**

Contact Us

To talk to the City's Fire Control Officer or to arrange an inspection, please call **9528 0333** or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Visit our fire prevention web page for further advice:



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