



SHIRE OF KENT FIRE MANAGEMENT NOTICE

2020/2021

Issued under s.33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS IN THE SHIRE OF KENT

Pursuant to s.33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are hereby required to take the following fire mitigation measures on your land, which are to be in place by **1 November 2020** and be maintained until **30 April 2021**.

(Dates may change—please see Shire of Kent’s website www.kent.wa.gov.au for any updates).

1. RURAL LAND

- a. Trafficable firebreaks 3m wide with 4m vertical clearance shall be constructed within 20m of the outside boundary of all rural properties.
- b. Trafficable firebreaks 3m wide with 4m vertical clearance shall be constructed within 50m of, and surrounding all buildings and haystacks.
- c. Trafficable fire breaks not less than 5.5 metres wide shall be constructed around the outside boundary of land rolled, logged etc. for new clearing.

2. LAND WITHIN A TOWNSITE

- a. Land up to and including 4050m² — maintain the whole of the property in a low fuel state. Clear and maintain the land free of all inflammable matter including piles of branches, cuttings and other dried vegetation.
- b. Land over 4050m² — a fire break at least 2 metres wide is to be constructed inside all external boundaries (and located as close as possible to the boundaries).

3. ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ) FOR HABITABLE BUILDINGS

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is an area directly surrounding a habitable building that is managed to reduce the bushfire hazard to an acceptable level.

- a. APZs consist of managed vegetation, reticulated lawns and gardens and other non-flammable features.
- b. APZs are required for all habitable buildings, whether located on rural properties or within a town site
- c. Habitable buildings should be surrounded by an APZ of 20m measured from the outside of the building (or to the boundary of the property where 20 metres can’t be achieved).

For more information regarding APZ standards, visit the Shire of Kent website at www.kent.wa.gov.au.

4. FUEL STORAGE AREAS

The area within a 3 metre radius of any stored fuel, oil and flammable material is to be kept clear of combustible material.

5. VARIATION TO REQUIREMENTS

If you can’t comply with the requirements of this notice, you may apply to the Shire for a Variation to Requirement, by no later than **13 October 2020**. You will need to provide details of alternative protection measures. Applications forms are available from the Shire of Kent website at www.kent.wa.gov.au.

By Order of CEO Shire of Kent

PENALTIES MAY APPLY

Non-compliance with this notice may incur a maximum penalty of \$5,000. The Shire of Kent, or a contractor engaged by the Shire, may enter your land to install the fire break or reduce fuel loads. You may be charged for expenses incurred.

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