

Permits to Burn

A Permit to Set Fire to the Bush (permit to burn), must be obtained if you intend to light a fire during the **restricted burning** period.

- When issued with a permit, you must comply with the conditions listed on that permit.
- All permits are automatically cancelled on days where the Fire Danger Rating is forecast to be very high, severe, extreme or catastrophic.
- The Shire may cancel any or all permits already issued if it considers that there is a danger that any fire lit could escape from the land (under s.46 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*).
- If a fire has already been lit, the Shire may direct that the fire be extinguished if there is a danger of the fire escaping.
- To obtain a permit, contact the Fire Control Officer for your area (see next page).

For more information about Permits to Burn, please visit the Shire's website at www.kent.wa.gov.au

PERMITS TO BURN CLOVER OR PROHIBITED PLANTS

Permits to burn subterranean clover and prohibited plants can only be issued by officers authorised by the Shire. For more information please check the Shire's website for an application form or phone 9829 1051.

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Fire Control Officers

If you need to obtain a Permit to Burn, please contact the Fire Control Officer (highlighted) for your district.

Brigade Name	Fire Control Officer	Phone
Boogdagoo	Scott Crosby	0427 291 115
Boongadoo	Brad Harris	0428 296 046
Holland Rock	Doug Smith	0429 201 012
Holland Rock	Kelvin Holmes	0429 701 045
Mindarabin	Warrick Brown	0429 996 144
Mindarabin	John Jolley	0427 291 083
Mindarabin	Grant Collins	0428 291 171
Nyabing	Darren Gray	0428 314 743
Nyabing	Justin Germain	0458 908 212
Nyabing	Greg Hobley	0428 291 093
Pingarnup	Wayne Tapscott	0488 204 030
Pingrup	Tim Borgward	0429 082 915
Pingrup	Darren Hawley	0427 201 123
Pingrup	Stephen Hawley	0499 781 014

Other Contacts

For up to date information about current incidents, visit the Emergency WA website at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

For all life threatening emergencies (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	000
Storm or Flood Assistance (SES)	132 500
Police – non-emergency	131 444
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
DFES Emergency Information (recorded information)	133 337
DFES General enquiries	1800 199 084
DFES Total Fire Ban Hotline	1800 709 355
Western Power (emergencies and outages)	13 13 51
Water Corporation	13 13 75
Telstra Residential Faults	13 22 03
Telstra Business Faults	13 29 99
Shire of Kent Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban Info Line	9829 1247
Shire of Kent—General Enquiries	9829 1051

Prohibited Burning Times

Prohibited Burning Times are declared by the Fire & Emergency Services (FES) Minister. During this period you must not start a fire in the open air. The penalty is up to \$10,000 or 12 months' imprisonment or both. The Prohibited Burning Times for 2020/21 are:

1 November 2021 to 7 February 2022

Restricted Burning Times

During the Restricted Burning Periods you must not start a fire without a permit. The Restricted Burning Times for 2020/21 are:

**19 September 2021 to 31 October 2021 and
1 February 2022 to 25 April 2022**

Dates for prohibited and restricted burning times may change depending on prevailing weather conditions. Any date changes will be published on the Shire of Kent website at www.kent.wa.gov.au.

Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) prohibits the lighting of any fires **in the open air** and other activities that may start a fire.

This includes all open air cooking or camping fires, incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

The use of equipment powered by internal combustion engines in any area where there is bush, crops, pasture or stubble is also prohibited. Farmers can still harvest their crop and feed or water stock in a paddock, unless a **Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban** has been declared by the Shire.

A TFB is declared the evening before the day it is to take effect. Check the Emergency WA website (www.emergency.wa.gov.au) after 6pm to see if a ban has been declared for the next day or call the TFB hotline on **1800 709 355**. For more information visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans/pages/whatisatfb.aspx.

Agricultural Operations

During Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times all harvesting machinery must carry a fire extinguisher.

During harvesting operations, a fully operational fire fighting unit with a minimum water capacity of 600 litres, a fire fighting pump and hose is to be located in the paddock being harvested.

Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans

The Shire may impose a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB) for its district, or areas within its district, during the prohibited or restricted burning times that prohibits harvesting operations and driving vehicles through bush, crops or stubble.

Vehicles and equipment may be driven on gazetted roads and laneways (provided it has a trafficable surface, is at least 4 metres wide, cleared of all inflammable materials with overhanging vegetation pruned so it does not come into contact with the vehicle).

You can still carry out the following agricultural activities during a HVMB, if you are accompanied by a mobile firefighting unit (carrying a minimum of 600 litres of water):

- water carting for stock and domestic purposes;
- travel to, from and within piggeries and feed lots;
- all necessary carting of livestock

Please note that it is **your** responsibility to check if a HVMB is in place before undertaking any activity that may be subject to the Ban.

The Shire may notify the community of a HVMB by:

- HVMB Hotline 9829 1247 (recorded message);
- SMS to subscribing mobile phones (please contact the Shire on 9829 1051 to subscribe to this service);
- broadcasting on ABC radio.

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IMPORTANT FIRE INFORMATION 2021 / 2022

This brochure contains important general fire information. For the details of what measures land owners and occupiers must take to prepare their property for the fire season, please refer to the Shire of Kent Fire Management Notice 2021/2022.

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To report a fire dial 000
(or 112 from a mobile phone)

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