



Shire of Kent Bushfire Information 2023/2024

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

1 November 2023 - 31 January 2024

**Subject to Seasonal Change*

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 of up to \$10,000 or 12 months' imprisonment or both.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

19 September 2023 - 31 October 2023

1 February 2024 - 25 April

During the Restricted Burning Periods you must not start a fire without a permit. 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 and SMS Notifications.

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 of 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 livestock 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** at **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**

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

During Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times all harvest machinery must carry a fire extinguisher. During harvesting operations, a fully operations fire fighting unit with a minimum water capacity of 600 litres, a fire fighting pump and hose it to be located in the paddock being harvest.

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 the bush, crops or stubble.

Vehicles and equipment may be driven on gazette roads and laneways (provided it has a trafficable surface, is at least 4 meters wide, cleared of all flammable 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 fire fighting unit (carrying a minimum of 600 litres of water):

- Water carting for stick and domestic purposed
- 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 HVNB in place before undertaking any activity that may be subject to the Ban..

The Shire may notify the community of A HVMB by way of

- HVMB Hotline 2929 1247 recorded message
- SMS to subscribed mobile contacts. Please contact the Shire on 9829 1051 to subscribe
- Broadcasting on ABC Radio

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Bushfire Contacts 2023/2024

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 on that permit.
- All permits are automatically cancelled on days where the Dire Danger Rating is forecast to be Very High, Severe, Extreme to 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 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 (08) 98291051.

SHIRE OF KENT EMERGENCY CONTACTS

CESM	Manager Infrastructure	Chief Bush Fire Officer	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Officer
Matt Castaldini	Mark Tulleken	Grant Collins	Darren Hawley
0436 668 242	0429 993 987	0428 291 171	0427 201 123

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

If you need to obtain a Permit to Burn, please contact the
Permit Issuing Fire Control Officer for your district

Boongadoo 1	Scott Crosby	0427 291 115
Boongadoo 4	Brad Harris	0428 296 064
Boongadoo	Lance Cooper	0428 149 982
Holland Rock 1	Kelvin Holmes	0429 701 045
Holland Rock 2	Doug Smith	0429 201 012
Holland Rock 3	Jamie Smart	0427 206 062
Mindarabin 1	Grant Collins	0428 291 171
Mindarabin 2	Warrick Browne	0429 996 144
Mindarabin 3	Greg Hobley	0428 291 093
Mindarabin 4	John Jolley	0427 291 083
Mindarabin 5	Jared Hobley	0428 291 262
Nyabing 1	Darren Gray	0428 314 743
Pingrup 1	Tim Borgward	0429 082 915
Pingrup 2	Darren Hawley	0427 201 123
Pingrup 3	Stephen Hawley	0409 781 014
Pingrup 4	Mitch Smith	0430 214 801
Pingarnup 1	Jorg Brinkmann	0428 744 061
Pingarnup 2	Eric Featherstone	0427 201 143

OTHER CONTACTS

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

For all lift threatening emergencies	000
Storm of Flood Assistance (SES)	132 500
Police—Non emergency	131 444
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
DFES Emergency Information	133 337
DFES General Enquiries	1800 199 084
DFES Total Fire Ban Hotline	1800 709 355
Western Power - Outages/ Emergencies	13 13 51
Water Corporation	13 13 75
Telstra Residential Faults	13 22 03
Telstra Business Faults	13 29 99
Shire of Kent - Movement Ban Hotline	9829 1247
Shire of Kent - General Enquires	9829 1051

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