

PUBLIC NOTICE



FIREBREAK NOTICE 2023-2024

Pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the City of Fremantle gives notice that the owners and/or occupiers of land within the district are required to undertake the following works on land owned or occupied by them by **1 November 2023**.

When installing a firebreak, the following requirements must be met:

a) Where the area of land is 1500 square metres or less

The owner or occupier is to remove all the flammable matter from the whole of the property, except living trees, shrubs, plants under cultivation and lawns, by slashing or mowing to a height of not more than 50 millimetres or otherwise to the satisfaction of council or an authorised officer.

b) All land having an area greater than 1500 square metres

- i) Clear firebreaks of a minimum width of three (3) metres inside all external boundaries of the land and all buildings situated on the land, by ploughing, cultivating or scarifying; or
- ii) Mow/Slash the whole of the land. The height of vegetation thereafter must not exceed fifty (50) millimetres over the entire area of land, as far as reasonably practical as determined by the authorised officer.

Failure to comply with the above-mentioned requirements may result in a penalty of up to \$5,000 in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. The City may install a firebreak as outlined above, this service will be undertaken on your behalf, and the cost of this service will be invoiced to you.

Once your firebreak has been established, it must be maintained until **31 March 2024**.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the Community Safety Team on 1300 360 666.

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