

## Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property. This is because of predicted extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires and firefighting resources are stretched.

On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. You can find the full list of prohibited activities at

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban).

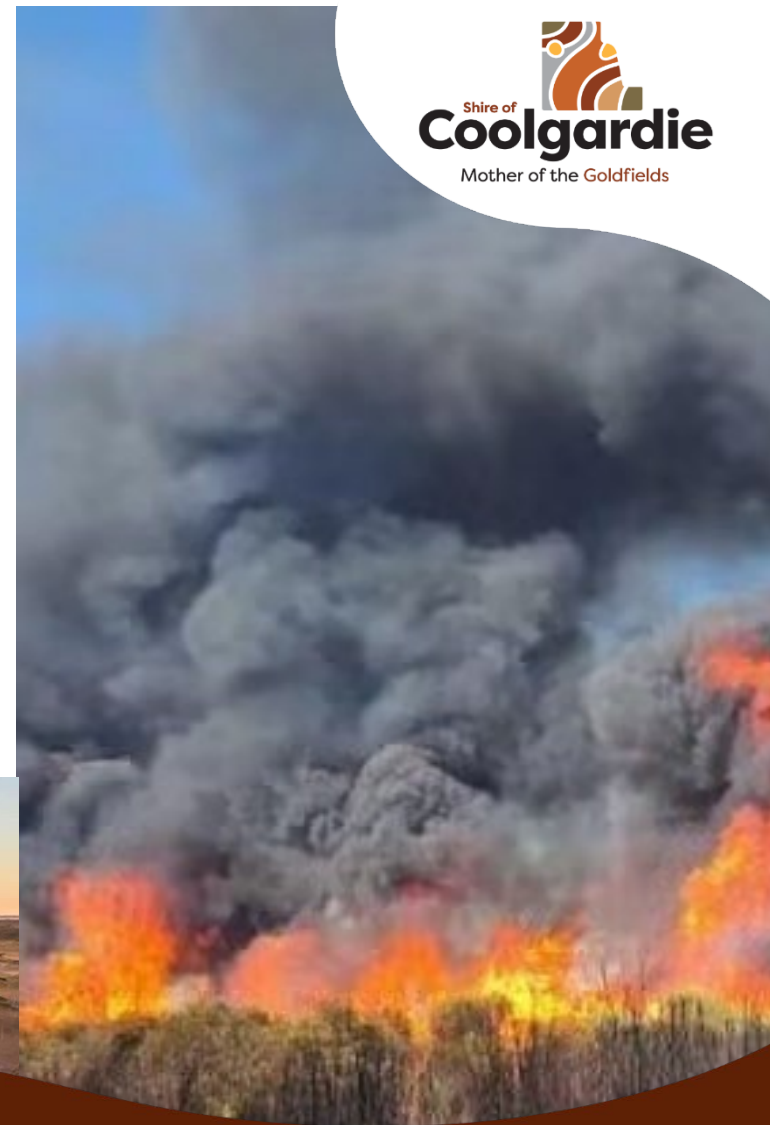
Some of these activities are prescribed in the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, meaning they can be carried out during a TFB, providing you comply with the conditions listed here.

Businesses, public authorities or industries may be given an exemption for activities not prescribed in the Regulations, as long as conditions are met to ensure the activity does not start a fire.

More information can be found at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/site/bushfire/totalfirebans](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/site/bushfire/totalfirebans).



**For more information on fire hazards in the Shire of Coolgardie, please contact our Customer Service Team on (08) 9080 2111 or visit the Shire's website [www.coolgardie.wa.gov.au](http://www.coolgardie.wa.gov.au)**



## Notice

This compliance notice is issued by the Shire of Coolgardie pursuant to section 33 and 24G (2) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to assist with the prevention, control and extinguishment of bush fires or to prevent the spread or extension of bush fires to any adjoining land.

**Failure to comply with this notice is an offence under the Bush Fires Act 1954 and may result in a penalty of up to \$5000, plus additional contractor and administration costs to carry out fire prevention works on your property.**

## Fire Restrictions

Date	Description
1 May–30 September	NO Permit Required (Restrictions still apply)
1 October–31 October	Permit Required
1 November–31 March	All burning Prohibited (NO BURNING)
1 April–30 April	Permit Required

*Under the Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 17 (paragraph 12) Subject to this Act a person who sets fire to the bush on land within a zone of the State during the prohibited burning times for that zone is guilty of an offence. A maximum penalty of \$10,000 or 12-months imprisonment or both can occur.*

## Residential Property (Under 2000 sqm)

Works outlined in this category MUST be maintained all year round and owners and/or occupiers are required to:

- Ensure all long grass, weeds, ect are slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property; and
- Remove all flammable materials from all rooftops and gutters of buildings.



## Commercial Property (Over 2000SQM – Fire Breaks)

Works outlined in this category MUST be maintained all year round and owners and/or occupiers are required to:

- Firebreak of at least 3m in width to be installed and cleared of all flammable material immediately inside and along the land boundaries
- Additional Firebreaks to be installed and cleared immediately around buildings that are on that land.
- Remove all flammable materials from all rooftops and gutters of buildings.

