

# Fire Notice

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I have not received my Fire Notice.**

The City of Kwinana Fire Notice was sent by post early September separately to the Rates Notice. If you did not receive your Fire Notice or have lost your copy, the Notice and all related information is available on the City's website [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires). Copies of the Fire Notice are also available from the City's Administration Building.

### **Why do I have to comply with the Fire Notice?**

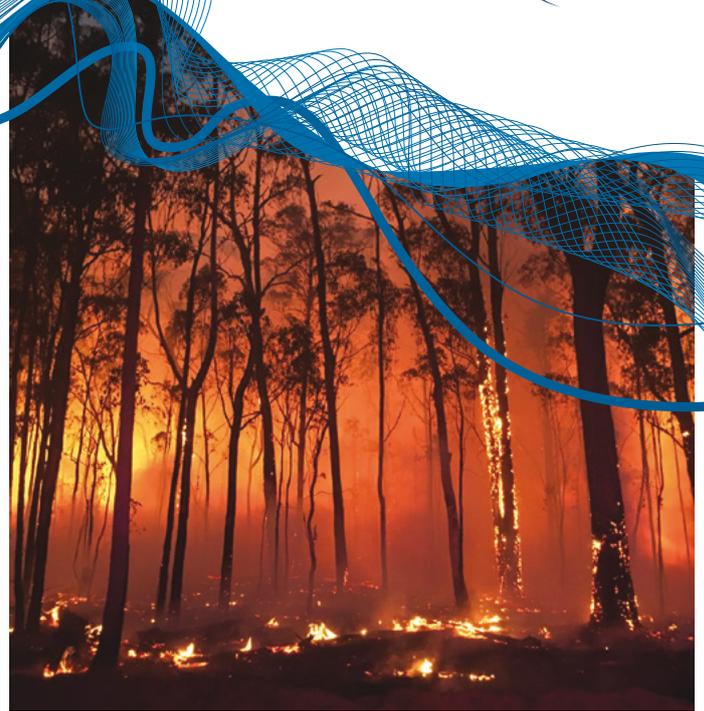
The Fire Notice is a legal requirement under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and is no different to other laws that we have to comply with every day. By complying with this Notice, you are doing your part to reduce the overall risk of fire to the whole community and keeping your family and neighbours safe.

### **Where can I find out more information about the City of Kwinana's Fire Notice?**

Information about the City of Kwinana's Fire Notice can be found at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires) or by contacting 9439 0200 or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

### **I recently purchased a property and the real estate agent or previous property owner did not tell me about these requirements?**

It is the property owner's responsibility to comply with the specifications of the Fire Notice. It's advisable to know the land conditions required when purchasing a property in the City of Kwinana.



### **What if I need to vary where I put my firebreaks?**

The Fire Notice allows you to apply to seek a variation prior to 31 October each year; eligibility is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

If you wish to apply for a firebreak variation, application forms can be found on the [City's website](#).

### **I have a property that is located within a residential, high-density urban block in town, or at an industrial or commercial site. Does this Notice apply to me?**

Yes, the Notice applies to all land and property owners or occupiers within the City of Kwinana.

### **Do I live in an urban area?**

Follow the below link to identify if you live in an urban area;

[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/our-services/emergency-services/bushfires-fire-control/Documents/Zoning.pdf](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/our-services/emergency-services/bushfires-fire-control/Documents/Zoning.pdf)

### **I live in a residential (urban) area, when does the fire notice apply to me?**

The Fire Notice applies all year around to areas zoned as urban.

## I live in a rural area, when does the fire notice apply to me?

The Fire Notice applies all year around to areas zoned as Rural, Special and Rural Water Protection; however, different conditions apply throughout the year.

## How do I find out what the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is?

The FDR can be found by visiting one of four signs located throughout the City of Kwinana.

- Thomas Road Casuarina (near Marri Park Drive)
- Rowley Road Wandi (between Lyon Road and Britton Place)
- Mortimer Road Casuarina (near Nicolas Drive West)
- Wellard Road Wellard (near Telephone Lane)

Please note these signs are only updated from October to May each year.

FDR can also be found:

- [www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger.shtml)
- [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

## Can I burn on Sunday or a Public Holiday?

Yes, the City does not restrict burning on Sundays or Public Holidays however; you must comply with the conditions in the Fire Notice. Burning is prohibited when the Fire Danger Rating is listed as **'Very High'** or above.

## Does the Fire Notice apply to my verge?

Verge areas adjacent to land parcels are not subject to the requirements of the City Fire Notice, however, there is an expectation by the City, that the owner or occupier of the land adjacent to that verge area, maintain the verge at all times.

## Can I have a fire pit or open fire?

Yes, you can have a fire pit providing you comply with the following conditions:

- Do not burn green waste in area's zoned as urban
- Only burn dry cured fire wood
- Have a three metre clearing of all flammable material around the fire pit or open fire
- The Fire Danger rating is not listed as **'Very High'** or above
- Somebody is in attendance at all times

## Religious or cultural ceremonies that produce smoke

Smoking Ceremonies are not permitted unless prior written permission has been obtained from the City of Kwinana. If you wish to make an application to the City of Kwinana, please contact **9439 0200** or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

## Who can I report a property fire hazard to?

Report any property fire hazards to the City of Kwinana on **9439 0200** or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

## What is the difference between a Chimineas and a fire pit?



◀ The main difference is the size and shape. *Chimineas* (which hail from Mexico) are traditionally smaller in diameter but often taller and with sides that go all the way up to the chimney, which helps contain the fire.

A *fire pit* allows you to burn larger fires because it is open and has no chimney. ▶



## For the purpose of City's Fire Notice

**GARDEN REFUSE** means green/garden waste.

**OPEN FIRE** means any outdoor fire that occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney.

**COOKING FIRE** means a fire in open air for cooking that consumes solid fuel.

In the event of an emergency please phone 000.