



Burn SMART

Plan smart Burn SMART

MAY 2023: PREPARING FOR A SMARTBURN

What is planned burning?

Planned burning is the deliberate burning of a specific area, under carefully managed conditions, to reduce fuel such as dead wood, leaf litter, bark and shrubs.

Why is planned burning important?

Living in a rural residential location like Yallingup and Dunsborough means it is your responsibility to reduce the risk of bushfire impact. Under the right conditions, planned burning can help you to reduce the amount of flammable material on your property, potentially reducing the impact of bushfire.

When a bushfire enters an area of reduced fuel, the rate of bushfire spread slows and the intensity at which it burns is reduced. This means firefighters have a better chance of containing the fire and it is less likely to cause damage to property.

Check the conditions before your burn and know what to do if your burn gets out of hand.

Undertaking a planned burn is a significant responsibility and involves a lot of preparation. In the wrong conditions, planned burns can escape and become a bushfire. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has developed Burn SMART resources targeted at small landholders, this information can guide you in preparing your property against bushfire.

CONDUCTING A SAFE WINTER BURN

BurnSMART - A guide for planned burns

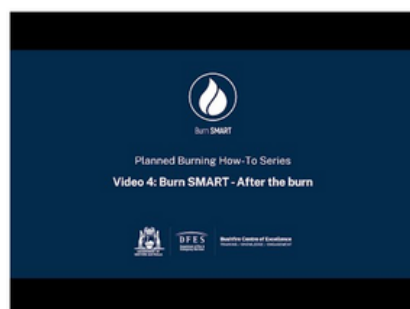
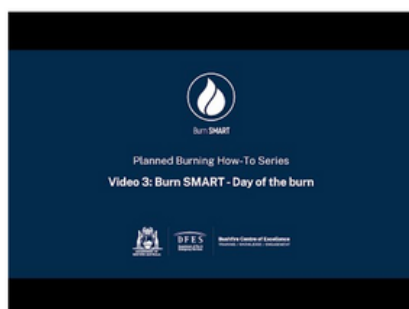
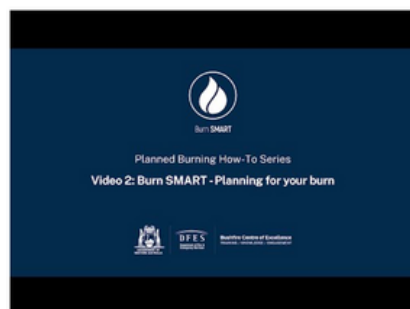
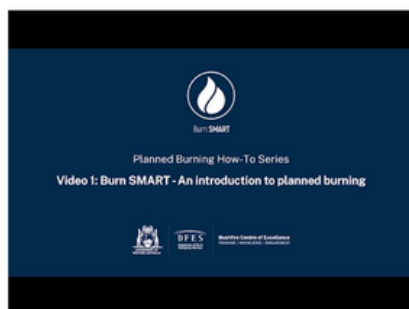
DFES has developed a great how-to guide to help you prepare and execute a successful winter burn. The guide explains the factors that contribute to a safe burn, including weather considerations, assessing your risks, topography, safety tips and clothing, checklists and important contact numbers.

[Click this link or image to download the guide.](#)



BurnSMART - how to video series

The BurnSMART four part video series offers a great overview for conducting a safe winter burn. [Follow this link to the complete DFES BurnSMART video series.](#)



Register your burn and tell your neighbours

Tell your neighbours about your plans

- Notify all neighbours no less than four days prior to burning. This includes neighbours separated by a road, lane or waterway.

Register your burn with DFES.

- On the day of your planned burn, call the DFES Communications Centre on (08) 9395 9209 to register your burn. This will prevent volunteer firefighters from being called out if smoke is reported.