

STAY SAFE BY STAYING INFORMED

Conditions can change fast during a bushfire.

OCTOBER 2023 RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

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Burning permits are required for all burning in the open from 15 October to 30 November 2023, and 1 March to 30 April each year. Burning in the open is prohibited on Public Holidays.

The Fire Control Officers (FCO) from Yallingup Rural Volunteer Bushfire Brigade have advised, due to the dry vegetation and current weather conditions, there will be no permits granted for burns between 11am and 3pm in their jurisdiction.

Seeking a fire permit

A permit must be obtained before any burning takes place between now and 30 November. The permit holder must be in possession of the permit throughout the duration of the burn and must present the permit if asked by an FCO or Ranger.

The FCO will require the following information before issuing a permit:

- The address of the property where it is proposed to conduct the burn
- Details of three able bodied persons who will be in attendance at the fire at all times whilst it is alight, including a contact phone number
- Details of firefighting equipment that will be on site and confirmation it is in good working condition
- If there are firebreaks installed at the property and if a fire appliance will have access to the site of the burn
- What materials are to be burned, are they dry, and the size of the proposed burn.

The Permit Holder is responsible for ensuring all conditions of the permit, as shown on the permit, are fully complied with.

For further information about Fire Permits please contact your local FCO:

Yallingup Rural: 0419 945 348/ 0408 745 558

Dunsborough: 0427 479 856

Yallingup Coastal: 0427 522 233

Eagle Bay: 0417 921 426



IN A BUSHFIRE, YOUR HOUSE IS UNSAFE AND MAY BE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.
Your Emergency Evacuation Kit should include the essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe. Prepare your Emergency Evacuation Kit before bushfire season and keep it in an accessible spot. Make sure everyone knows where it is kept.



Our Emergency Evacuation Kit list:

- Important/legal documents
- Precious items (jewellery, medals)
- Clothing for everyone
- First aid kit
- Drinking water, food for the trip
- Personal hygiene items

Prepare your emergency kit before bushfire season.



Items to grab when leaving:

- Wallet
- Medications, life support equipment
- Phone and charger
- House and car keys
- Laptop and charger
- Pets and supplies (food, bowl, cage, leash, etc.)

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire or contact DFES Community Preparedness: Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au or 9395 9816



BUSHFIRES CAN START WITHOUT WARNING. People have been killed or seriously injured during bushfires. If you are travelling or staying near bushland, fire is a real risk to you. **Pack an emergency kit including important items such as woollen blankets, drinking water and protective clothing.**



IF THERE IS A LOT OF SMOKE

- Slow down as there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road.
- Turn your car headlights and hazard lights on.
- Close the windows and outside vents.
- If you can't see clearly, pull over and wait until the smoke clears.



IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED BY A FIRE

- Sheltering inside a vehicle is a very high risk strategy. It is unlikely that a person will survive in all but the mildest circumstances.**
- Park the vehicle off the roadway where there is little vegetation, with the vehicle facing towards the oncoming fire front.
- Turn the engine off.
- Close the car doors, windows and outside vents, **and call 000.**
- Stay in the car until the fire front has passed. Stay as close to the floor as possible and cover your mouth with a damp cloth to avoid inhalation of smoke.
- Stay covered in woollen blankets, continue to drink water and wait for assistance.
- Once the front has passed and the temperature has dropped, cautiously exit the vehicle.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Find the local ABC radio frequency in the area. Stay up to date in a major emergency, when lives and property are at risk. ABC radio will issue broadcast warnings at a quarter to and a quarter past the hour.
- Main Roads provides updated information on road closures throughout WA. Call 138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
- Check the weather forecast and current fire restrictions. Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating for the area you are travelling to and be prepared to reassess your plans.
- Download the Bushfire Traveller's Checklist at www.dfes.wa.gov.au

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Captain's message - Yallingup Rural Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

The warmer weather and strong winds this week offer a sneak peek at what El Niño will bring in the coming season. With these changes in weather patterns it is highly possible (as happened this week) that bushfires in our district will be actioned straight to Emergency Warning.

Make no mistake, this is not a drill, if an Emergency Warning is called you must leave immediately if it safe to do so. There is no extra step, there was no warning, it is time to action YOUR response.



It is important to note that these emergency warnings are actioned by the Officer in Charge on the fireground, they notify DFES and the emergency warnings are issued through Emergency WA.

Please do not, at any time, phone or message us and ask for information. As you can understand we will have our hands full focusing on our response at hand.

It's likely you will hear this announcement on ABC radio, or, if you have downloaded an app like Alert2Me or BushfireIO, you may have received an alert. Go straight to Emergency WA (www.emergency.wa.gov.au) to find out the safest exit route for you and your family.

This is where your Bushfire Plan will come into play. If you have a Bushfire Plan you will have already mapped out the safest routes, you will know who to contact and where you can go, your kids will know to go home from school with a nominated friend, you will have a plan for your pets, and you will be better prepared to leave quickly minimising the danger.

It's a 15 minute exercise but you'll be glad you did it when you need it.

I cannot overstate the importance of staying informed this summer. Simple actions can help save lives.

- Make a Bushfire Plan
- Know the Fire Danger Rating for the day
- Know what to do during a Watch and Act and Emergency
- Know where to get your information from in an emergency (ABC radio and www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

As your local Emergency Responders we are working hard and training hard in preparation for the bushfire season, now it's your turn to help us help you. We are one big team working to keep our beautiful community, that we love so much, safe and protected and we rely on you all to support us in this by actioning the information above.

Matt Muir
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Yallingup Rural Volunteer Bushfire Brigade



**HOW FIREPROOF
IS YOUR PLAN?**

Create or update your bushfire plan today.
Visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au or download the app.