



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## BUSH FIRES ACT - YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF VINCENT

**Please help us keep Vincent fire safe this season.**

Pursuant to the powers conferred in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 Western Australia, you are required on or before the 31st day of October 2021, and thereafter up to and including the 30th day of April 2022, to clear inflammable matter on land owned and/or occupied by you in accordance with the following requirements -

1. All land which is 2000m<sup>2</sup> or less in area:

Remove inflammable matter from the whole of the land, except living trees and shrubs; plants under cultivation and lawn, by means of ploughing, cultivating or slashing to a height of no more than 50mm.

2. All other land within the City of Vincent exceeding 2000m<sup>2</sup> (larger than average residential block size)

**(i) Firebreaks of a minimum width and height of 3 metres are to be cleared immediately inside all external boundaries of the land;**

**(ii) Firebreaks to a minimum width of 3 metres and height of 3 metres are to be cleared immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land; and any place where inflammable liquids and gas products are kept.**

In addition to the requirements in this notice, the City may, by notice in writing, require an owner and/or occupier to act as and when specified in the notice with respect to anything which is upon land and which in the opinion of the City is or is likely to be conducive to the outbreak of a bush fire or the spread or extension of a bush fire.

The term "Inflammable Matter" for the purpose of this notice includes bush (as defined in the Bush Fires Act 1954), timber, boxes, cartons, paper, rubbish and any other combustible or inflammable matter, but does not include buildings, green standing trees and bushes or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawns.

All land within the City of Vincent must be cleared on or before the 31st day of October in any year and thereafter maintained clear of inflammable matter up to and including the 30th day of April in the following year.

If, for any reason, an owner and/or occupier considers it impractical to clear the land or comply with other fire protection measures in accordance with the notice, the owner and/or occupier may apply in writing to the City no later than the 31st day of October in any year for a variation. If permission is not granted in writing by the City or its authorised officer, the owner and/or occupier must comply with the requirements of this notice. Any variation granted by the City will apply only for a single Firebreak Period. A variation granted by the City shall only remain in force until the 30th day of April in the following year.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed in this notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this notice.

Pursuant to Sections 24G(2) and 25(1a) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the burning of garden refuse and lighting of fires in the open air is prohibited within the districts of the City of Vincent between the 31st day of October 2021 and the 30th day of April 2022.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Vincent fire safe.

For further information please contact our Ranger Services Team on:

Tel: 9273 6000 or Email: [mail@vincent.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@vincent.wa.gov.au)

For after-hours emergencies (only): 9273 6061

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