

HARVEST & VEHICLE OPERATIONS

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans (HVMB)

A HVMB is imposed by local government and prohibits the use of engines, vehicles, plant and machinery to avoid the start or spread of a fire.

A **harvest ban** is defined as a ban on all harvesting operations on all properties within the Shire of Narembeen.

A **vehicle movement** ban is defined as a ban on all vehicle movements on properties within the Shire except for the essential watering of stock, using a diesel powered vehicle only.

Harvesting operations are not permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Conditions:

1. An Approved Fire Fighting Appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested while crop harvesting, straw raking, straw mulching and bailing operations are being carried out during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum of 500 litres of water on board.
2. A ban on harvesting and the movement of vehicles (except for the watering or movement of stock) is likely to be imposed when the predicted weather conditions are classified by the Bureau of Meteorology as VERY HIGH or ABOVE, or when local conditions warrant bans to be applied. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.
3. The use of operation of any engine, plant, machinery or vehicle within the road reserves are exempt, on the provision the use is not likely to cause a fire.

TOTAL FIRE BAN

Total Fire Bans may be imposed by DFES on a regional basis on day of extreme or higher Fire Danger. Activities which may cause a fire are prohibited.

NOTIFICATION SERVICES

The Shire of Narembeen offers an **SMS Notification Service** for alerts on emergencies, fires, harvest and vehicle movement bans, road closures, standpipes and total fire bans. To register for SMS notifications contact the Community Resource Centre on 9064 7055 or email your full name and mobile number to crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au.

Other notification services:

ABC Regional Radio
Bush Fire Emergency Radio Channel 5
DFES Information Line 13 33 37
Harvest Ban Hotline (08) 9064 7689

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Murray Dixon Chief Fire Control Officer	0427 645 026
Mitch Miolini - North Sector Deputy Fire Control Officer	0458 000 931
Brendan Parsons - East Sector	0419 854 350
Trevor Cole - West Sector	0428 647 038
Alan Yandle - Central Sector	0408 945 452
Andy Hardham - Central Sector	0429 647 173

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY
SERVED TO ALL RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS WITHIN THE
SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN



FIREBREAK ORDER 2025/2026

1 Longhurst Street
Narembeen WA 6369
Telephone: (08) 9064 7308
Email: admin@narembeen.wa.gov.au
Web: www.narembeen.wa.gov.au

**CALL 000
TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY OR FIRE**

FIRE WEATHER INFORMATION

www.bom.gov.au

or

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

BURNING PERIODS

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

19 September to 31 October

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 November to 31 January



NO BURNING PERMITTED

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

1 February to 15 March

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

 Permit Required  No Burning

Permits for burning during restricted burning periods are available from your local Bush Fire Control Officer; please refer to the back page of this notice.

Burning during restricted periods is allowed on Sundays and Public Holidays with a permit.

Persons **burning without permits** during the Restricted Burning Period or on days when a high or greater fire weather warning as been issued **may be prosecuted**.

Road Burning and Spraying is not permitted by any person within the Shire without the approval of the CEO.

Refer to the Shire website for additional **Bushfire Information and Restrictions**.

FIREBREAK ORDER

Bush Fires Act 1954

Notice is hereby given to all owners and/ or occupiers of land within the Shire of Narembeen under the requirements of Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, that firebreaks must be installed by 31 October 2025 and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 30 April 2026.

Rural Land

Install a firebreak 2.5m wide, immediately adjacent to, and surrounding, all cleared land and, subdividing all cleared land into areas no greater than 400 hectares, and, surrounding each building, haystack, fuel dump or ramp.

Townsite

2000sqm or less - clear all inflammable material from the whole of the land.

More than 2000sqm -

- clear all inflammable material from the whole of the land, or
- Install a firebreak of not less than 2m wide immediately surrounding any building, along and within 2m of the external boundaries of the land. Firebreaks must be constructed and contained within the property. Footpaths, road verges and roads will not be accepted as firebreaks.

Fuel Pumps and Depots - remove all inflammable material from all land where fuel drum ramps or dumps are located, and where fuel drums, whether empty or not, are stored to a distance of at least 15m outside the perimeter of any drum, ramp or stack of drums.

INSPECTIONS & PENALTIES

Inspections

An authorised officer will carry out inspections of firebreaks after the specified completion dates. Any owner or occupier of land who fails to comply with the requirements of this Notice is guilty of an offence under Section 33(3) of the *Bushfire Act 1954*.

You may be required to carry out further works which are considered necessary by an Authorised Officer and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address of the owner/s.

Penalties

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$5,000. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost to the Shire or a contractor performing the work directed in this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the due date. If the requirements of this Notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions in the *Bush Fire Act 1954*.

RESPONSIBILITY

Section 28 of the *Bush Fire Act* provides that where a bush fire is burning during prohibited or restricted times, the occupier of the land shall forthwith, whether he or she has lit or caused such fire to be lit or not, take all possible steps to extinguish the fire.

Where owners or occupiers fail to extinguish the fire a Bush Fire Control Officer may take all proper measures to extinguish such fire and the expense of that action are recoverable from owners and occupiers.