



**city of
kalamunda**

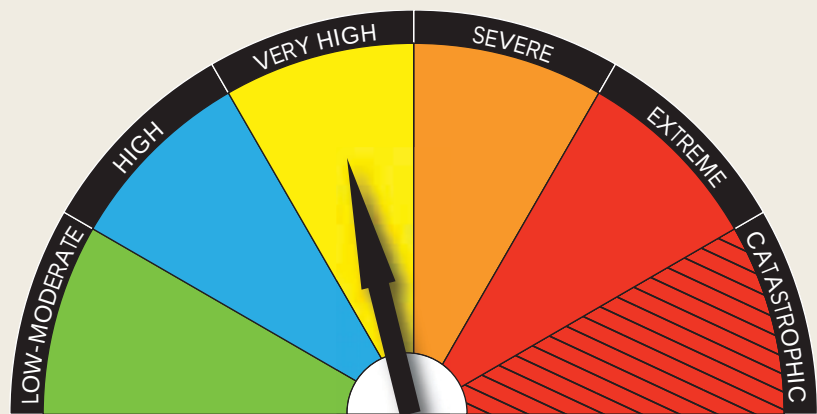


Bushfire Safety

For Emergency Warnings and Incident information
go to **emergency.wa.gov.au**

**To report all fires or emergencies
Phone 000**

Understanding Fire Danger Ratings



LOW
Fires can be easily controlled and are slow moving.

HIGH
Fires can be controlled but there is still a potential threat.

VERY HIGH
Total Fire Bans may be declared. Some fires may be unpredictable, difficult to control and may be fast moving.

SEVERE
Total Fire Bans likely to be declared. Fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

EXTREME
Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

CATASTROPHIC
Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.

Restricted Burning Times

May be amended by local conditions if required. Please refer to the City of Kalamunda Website for Fire Danger Ratings.

Dates (inclusive)	Burning
1 October to 30 November	Restricted – Permits Required
1 December to 31 March	All Burning Prohibited
1 April to 31 May	Restricted – Permits Required

What can I burn?

Burning Information subject to seasonal changes. Please check with the City of Kalamunda.

	1 October to 30 November RESTRICTED PERIOD	1 December to 31 March PROHIBITED PERIOD	1 April to 31 May RESTRICTED PERIOD
1m ³ Garden Refuse (6pm to 11pm)	Yes	No	Yes
Wood and Solid Fuel Barbecue	Yes	No*	Yes
Grass, Paddock, Bonfire, Bush	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED	No	Yes PERMIT REQUIRED
Pallets, Tyres, Anything CCA Treated**	No	No	No

- * Gas and Electric Barbecues are permitted
- * Please do not burn wet or green garden refuse



For more information go to
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Burning Periods

Be ready by November 1

- As a measure to assist in the control and prevention of bushfires and pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, as the property owner or occupier of the land within the City of Kalamunda, you are required **before 1st November** to comply with the conditions as specified in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. This can be found at www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire

- The applicable works as outlined in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice must be completed before 1 November annually and maintained up and to including 31 March the following year.

- VARIATIONS**

If you consider it impractical to clear or construct firebreaks and/or carry out other fire prevention work in accordance with the City of Kalamunda Fire Hazard Notice, you must apply in writing to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer at the City of Kalamunda to seek permission of Variation.

Requests for Variations must be submitted before 1 October every year.

Go to www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire for more information.



Failure to comply may result in a fine up to \$5,000

Firebreaks



Example of acceptable firebreak



Example of unacceptable firebreak

A firebreak is:

- Minimum width clearance of 3 metres
- Minimum height clearance of 4 metres
- Bare mineral earth
- Cleared strip/track
- Free of combustible materials

A firebreak is a 3-metre-wide, bare mineral earth, cleared strip/track. A firebreak must not have any combustible materials present and must have a height clearance of 4 metres minimum. A firebreak is used for firefighting techniques and access for fire appliances in the event of an incident. These breaks must be in a continuous, trafficable form meaning a large vehicle can drive continuously at speed in one direction within the perimeter of the property and end up where they started.

There are many ways to achieve the requirements. The City suggests seeking professional advice from a Contractor. The City does not provide a Contractors List to residents. However these can be found online and within local directories.

If it is deemed impracticable to clear or construct firebreaks you must apply in writing to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer at the City of Kalamunda to seek permission of Variation. Please refer to **www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire** for more information.

1 November / Firebreaks

Firebreaks must be installed and maintained from
1 November to 31 March

Example of an **Urban Property** with an **Asset Protection Zone - Best Practice**

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is an area extending for 20 metres around a building where there is reduced flammable material. This means there is less material that can catch fire, improving the defendability of a property.

- ☐ Create a minimum 20m building protection zone around your home and other buildings. This area needs to be cleared of all rubbish, long dry grass, bark and material that may catch fire.
- ☐ Prune lower branches (up to 2m off the ground) to stop a ground fire spreading into the canopy of the trees.
- ☐ Cut grass to less than 5cm high and prune shrubs to remove dead material.



Example of a **Regional Property** with an Asset Protection Zone - **Best Practice**

- 1 Check bridge loading for 14 Tonne Fire Tanker Access.
- 2 Trim branches away from power lines & check condition of poles.
- 3 Replace or repair damaged roofing and weatherboards where embers can enter.
- 4 Put in firebreaks along paddock boundaries.
- 5 Store firewood away from the house.
- 6 If fire threatens move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- 7 Store petrol and gas safely away in a shed.
- 8 Draw water from dams and pools. Don't rely on mains water supply.
- 9 Keep a well maintained area with fire resistant plants.
- 10 Install pumps with a spray nozzle.
- 11 Seal under floor spaces to prevent embers entering.
- 12 Check cattle grid loading for fire tanker access.
- 13 Place water pipes underground from the dam pump to the house.



- 14 Have a hose fitting on an internal tap to douse spot fires in the roof cavity.
- 15 Fill water tanks and connect them to pumps for firefighting.
- 16 Keep grass cut.

- 17 Install gutter guards and keep gutters clear of leaf litter.

Asset Protection Zones

Property Preparedness - Best Practice

Bushfire Plan

- The City of Kalamunda faces a significant bushfire risk. It is highly recommended that all residents implement a 'Bush Fire Plan' and check annually.
- Have you had the discussion with your friends and family of what you would do in the event of a Fire? Have the DFES 5 Min Fire Chat today - go to www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat

Livestock

- If you have livestock on a property in a high-risk area, consider either moving them to a safer location during the fire season or leaving them in well-grazed paddocks with supplementary feed.

Water Supply and Pumps

- If you choose to stay and defend your home, you need to have an independent water supply and pumping capability ready as scheme water may not be available due to infrastructure damage, power cuts or firefighting activity.

Total Fire Ban

A Total Fire Ban is declared when there are extreme weather conditions or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources. It is declared by the Minister for Emergency Services on advice from DFES after consultation with relevant local governments that may be affected.

The ban includes all open camp fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

Exemptions are allowed for domestic purposes with conditions applied.

Further information can be found at **www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire**



Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are generally issued on very hot and/or windy days when the risk of starting a fire, or fire being difficult to control, is much higher than normal. A Harvest and vehicle Movement Ban may be issued at any time, especially if fire resources are stretched.

The ban restricts the use of any engines, vehicles, plan or machinery in areas where their use may cause or spread a bush fire. It is your responsibility as a property owner or resident to be aware of any bans in place.

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is a ban that individual local governments are responsible for issuing under the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954 Section 38A*, and/or *Section 24C*.

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban may be imposed for any length of time but is generally imposed for the 'heat of the day' periods and may be extended or revoked by the local government should weather conditions change. Importantly the ban does not limit people driving to and from their properties.

Preparedness / Fire Bans

Alternate Options to Burning

Skip Bins

The City of Kalamunda provides both general waste (blue) and green waste (green) skip bins. Each household is entitled to a standard service of any combination of three skip bins per financial year (excludes commercial and industrial premises). All skip bins are 3m³ in size.

Additional green waste bins are available to larger properties to assist with bushfire management:

- One additional green waste skip bin is available for properties 2000m²–5000m².
- Two additional green waste skip bins are available for properties over 5000m².

The green waste from the green skip bins is mulched and reused, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.

For more information please visit:
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/waste

Green Skip Bin

GREEN WASTE ONLY

Accepted items include:

Green waste

Tree pruning
(cut to 1.5m lengths)

Do not put green waste
inside plastic bags.
No plastic allowed.

Blue Skip Bin

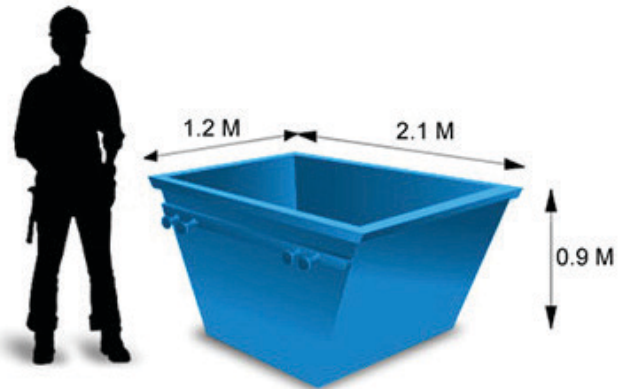
GENERAL WASTE

Accepted items include:

Large household items

Furniture (dismantled)

Timber and treated pine
up to 1.5m in length



Ordering Skip Bins

To order or enquire about skip bins please go to kalamunda.wa.gov.au or phone 9449 3332.

Walliston Transfer Station

155 Lawnbrook Road, Walliston
Telephone: 9291 3896

City of Kalamunda residents and ratepayers do not pay fees for non-commercial use of the Walliston Transfer Station. To gain free access, you will need to bring your Entry Pass along with Photo Identification with residential address (i.e. Drivers Licence).

A Waste Permit Scheme applies to City of Kalamunda residents/ratepayers who use vans, trucks, branded or sign-written vehicles and/or trailers. Fees will apply for commercial use.

Need some assistance?

For the latest information, news and alerts contact

Emergency WA – www.emergency.wa.gov.au

City of Kalamunda – www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/fire

Kalamunda Bush Fire Brigade – 9257 9999

SES assistance – 132 500

Department of Fire & Emergency Services – 13 33 37
www.dfes.wa.gov.au and on twitter [www.twitter.com/dfeswa](https://twitter.com/dfeswa)

ABC News – Local Radio – ABC 720 (and ABC 24 TV)
www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/wa

Bureau of Meteorology – www.bom.gov.au or 9263 2222

Parks & Wildlife Service – www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Western Power – 13 13 51

Main Roads – road closure information – 13 81 38

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Phone 000

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EMERGENCY.WA.GOV.AU

Emergency WA is the State's Official website for community warnings and other emergency management information. Here you will find alerts and warnings about fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, cyclones, hazardous material incidents and more.

On the website you will find information to:

- Access Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans.
- Links to information on preparing for an emergency, and recovery after an emergency.
- A Google Maps display showing the location of active emergency incidents and warnings across Western Australia.
- A live feed of all fire, rescue and other incidents.
- Information about active prescribed burns being undertaken by government agencies and private landowners.