



Shire of Boyup Brook
**EMERGENCY INFORMATION
& BUSHFIRE CONTROL
2026 / 2027**

**KNOW YOUR BUSHFIRE RESPONSIBILITY
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE
COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY**

**If in doubt, contact the Shire of Boyup Brook
or your local brigade**

**REPORT ALL EMERGENCIES AND FIRES TO
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RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
09 OCTOBER TO 20 NOVEMBER	21 NOVEMBER TO 28 FEBRUARY	01 MARCH TO 30 APRIL
Compliance with the Fire Hazard Reduction & Firebreak Notice 2025-2026		
30 NOVEMBER		
25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY		
Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban declared for Shire of Boyup Brook.		

Important Note:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services may declare a Total Fire Ban. Such a declaration overrides any other authority. Total Fire Bans are advertised on the Department’s website and broadcast on ABC radio. Information can also be obtained from the Department’s Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355.

DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER

Restricted Burning Times and Prohibited Burning Times may be varied due to seasonal changes. Variations will be advertised on Social Media and on the Shire's website. It is the responsibility of owners and occupiers of land to ensure they are aware of any variations.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Burning without a permit is prohibited during any restricted burning time. To obtain a permit an application must be made to the relevant Brigade Fire Control Officer (see contact list). Unless permitted by the Chief Bush Fire Officer, permits for hazard reduction of bush will not be issued before 1 April.

A permit holder must -

- (a) no more than 28 days nor less than 4 days prior to commencing the burn, give notice of the intention to burn –
 - (i) to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (on 08 9395 9209);
 - (ii) if the land is to be burned within 3km of a State forest or timber reserve, to the nearest Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Office (Kirup 9731 6232 or Manjimup 9771 7988); and
 - (iii) to the owner or occupier of any adjoining land;
- (iv) notify the Shire of Boyup Brook 9765 1200;
- (b) comply with all conditions on the permit;
- (c) ensure he or she is aware of their obligations and responsibilities under section 18 of the ***Bush Fire Regulations 1954*** and regulation 15B of the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 (as detailed on the reverse of the permit) during any restricted burning times.

PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

PROHIBITED BURNING TIME – means strictly no fires or open flames on your property. All burning, including garden refuse is prohibited during this period. If you see someone burning during the Prohibited Period, please call 000. Prohibited Burning period dates may be varied due to climate or weather conditions.

HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

The Shire may declare a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* (HVMB) at any time during a Restricted or Prohibited burning time. **Christmas Day** in each year is automatically a day on which a HVMB is in force in Boyup Brook.

It is prohibited to use any vehicle with a combustion engine '**off road**' during any period for which a HVMB has been declared.

This includes any form of fuelled motor device such as, but not limited to –

- Aircraft (which, except in an emergency, can only take-off or land on a cleared roadway)
- Ride-on lawn mowers
- Motorbikes, quad bikes and buggies
- Model aeroplanes and model cars.

'Off road' means anywhere (including a paddock or area of bush or forest) other than a road or track cleared of all vegetation to a minimum width of 3m.

To receive notification of HVMB's declared by the Shire, email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au or call the office 9765 1200 to have your mobile number placed on the text notification list. You can also stay informed via ABC radio, shire website www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au and social media.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES & PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

TOTAL FIRE BANS

TOTAL FIRE BANS (TFB) are declared by DFES when severe weather or existing fires create extreme danger.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES OUTDOORS

- Fires & Burning: Campfires, bonfires, fire pits, incinerators, and burning vegetation.
- Solid/Liquid Fuel Cooking: BBQs or smokers using wood, charcoal, briquettes, pellets, or metho.
- Hot Works: Outdoor welding, grinding, soldering, or gas cutting.
- Off-Road Driving: Driving on paddocks or land with vegetation.
- Other: Fireworks, sparklers, hot air balloons, and beekeeping smokers.

Exemptions apply under strict conditions for certain regulated business operations.

PENALTIES & REPORTING

- Fines: On-the-spot \$1,000 fine. Court penalties up to \$25,000 and/or 12 months jail.
- Active Fire or Life-Threatening Emergency: Call 000
- Arson: Report immediately to Police
- You notice TFB Breaches: Contact the Shire.



**Scan for more information
on Total Fire Bans**

[https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/
hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW DURING BUSHFIRE SEASON

FIREBREAKS & FIRE HAZARD NOTICE

Under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act (1954)*, you are required to carry out the fire prevention work specified on any land within the Shire that is owned or occupied by you.

The work must be carried out by 30 November, unless approved otherwise, and maintained throughout the summer months until 30 April.

If an owner or occupier fails to comply with these requirements, he or she may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted, and the Shire may carry out the required work at the cost of the owner or occupier.

If it is impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks, or to take measures in accordance with the Firebreak & Fire Hazard Notice requirements, you may apply to the Shire in writing **before 15 October**, for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations, or to take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing by the Shire, you must comply with the Notice requirements.

Your firebreak & fire hazard requirements are issued with your Rates Notice. Contact the Shire office for detailed information if required.

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

Where a building is under construction on any land between **9 October** and **1 May**, the land must be cleared of all inflammable matter within a 15m radius of the construction site. The Chief Fire Control Officer and relevant Fire Control Officer will be notified by Shire staff of all building permits granted.

ELECTRIC FENCES

During Total Fire Bans and on days of extreme fire danger, it is common practice to switch off electric fences. Electric fences can cause fires when sparks jump from one wire to another in the presence of dry vegetation. To prevent this from occurring, ensure your electric fences are free of wire and vegetation. Electric fences should meet the appropriate Australian Standard and be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

FIREBREAKS

CLOVER HARVESTING

Clover harvesting may continue during a harvest and total movement ban provided –

1. any fire hazard in the area being harvested has previously been removed;
2. no combustion engine is less than 20m from the firebreak;
3. no vehicle enters or leaves a paddock except on a cleared roadway; and
4. a permit has been issued by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

Note: A holder of a clover burning permit must notify their local brigade FCO (see contact list) on the day of the burn.

HARVEST MACHINES, HEADERS, MOWERS, SLASHERS, STUMP GRINDERS OR SIMILAR

It is prohibited to operate any harvesting machine, header, mower, slasher, stump grinder or similar in any crop during the restricted or prohibited burning times unless –

- ~~(a) written consent from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer has been issued;~~
- (b) a working fire extinguisher is carried on the machine; and
- (c) a working mobile firefighting unit is –
 - (i) in the paddock being harvested, or adjacent to the entrance of that paddock.
 - (ii) filled at all times with at least 450L of water.
 - (iii) equipped with an efficiently operating pump.
 - (iv) self-propelled or always attached to a suitable towing vehicle.

WELDING APPARATUS AND ANGLE GRINDERS

It is prohibited to operate any kind of **welding apparatus** or **power operated abrasive cutting disk** in the open-air during Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times unless –

- (a) The location where the welding or abrasive cutting taking place is surrounded by a firebreak which is at least 5m wide.
- (b) At least one appropriate fire extinguisher is located and accessible at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out.

BLUE GUM TRASH HEAPS

A permit will be required for burning of tree plantation waste at any time throughout the year. Permits will only be issued by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and burning of blue gum trash heaps are to be completed by 31 August annually. All trash heaps are required to be pushed out and levelled by the 30 October of that year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ROADSIDE BURNING

A permit is required to carry out any burning on a roadside at any time of the year.

**Further requirements may apply
e.g. Traffic Management.**

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

It is recommended that all members of the public and Fire Fighters wear adequate protective clothing when fighting or attending to fires. Safety boots, long cotton or woollen loose trousers, long-sleeved cotton or woollen shirt, leather gloves, wide-brim cotton hat and safety glasses are the minimum recommended requirements.

INCINERATORS

Any incinerator used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed. An incinerator should be designed and constructed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material and should be situated 2.0m or more away from any building or fence. An open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.



**Become a BFB,
contact the Shire or
your local brigade FCO**

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHIRE AND BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

EMERGENCY CALL 000

Boyup Brook Shire	9765 1200
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Boyup Brook Police	9762 1666
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Manager (Shire Depot)	0419 777 033
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Emergency Services Officer	0439 371 910
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Tree Down/After Hours	0429 403 487
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FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

BOYUP BROOK X-RAY TEAM

CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	Ben Thompson	0427 673 072
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1ST DEPUTY	Tristan Mead	0497 671 340
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2ND DEPUTY	Wayde Robertson	0427 673 090
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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	David Fortune	0428 672 061
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FIRE WEATHER OFFICER	Wayde Robertson	0427 673 090
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DEPUTY FIRE WEATHER OFFICER	David Nield	0427 664 623
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BENJINUP BFB	Rob Imrie Clint Westphal	0428 899 049 0427 661 097
CHOWERUP BFB	Luke Harding Brooks Evans	0488 750 001 0459 337 524
DINNINUP BFB	Wayne White Matt Brown	0429 671 215 0427 361 224
EAST BOYUP BROOK BFB	John Ritson Ken Holland	0427 033 010 0428 991 773
GIBBS ROAD BFB	Ron Bingham Paul Goerling	0429 900 058 0428 676 730
KENNINUP BFB	Geoff Dalton Tyson Introvigne	0427 527 772 0428 644 670
KULIKUP BFB	Brad Fairbrass Anthony Marsh	0428 673 054 0428 642 668
MAYANUP BFB	Ben Creek Mat Francke	0428 158 138 0429 109 691
McALINDEN BFB	Kieran Power Glenn Kirk	0488 433 221 0408 318 788
NOLLAJUP BFB	Marcus Gifford Rob Introvigne	0428 644 040 0427 644 082

BRIGADE & SHIRE CONTACTS

SCOTTS BROOK BFB	Darren Chapman Dylan Roney	0427 673 047 0400 620 351
TONEBRIDGE BFB	David Turner Matt Della-Gola	0475 603 881 0427 767 177
TWEED BFB	Scott Nix Cameron Clark	0428 553 017 0429 617 509
WEST BOYUP BROOK BFB	Brian Cailles Damon Treloar	0408 151 800 0427 651 277

CHANNEL LIST			
SHIRE	WAERN	VHF	UHF
BOYUP BROOK Chowerup Repeater	119 346	30	11
BRIDGETOWN	197	34	
COLLIE	157	35	
CRANBROOK		45W	9
DONNYBROOK	106	37	
KOJONUP Chowerup Repeater	234 229	41	11
MANJIMUP	251 292	75 44	
WEST ARTHUR	171	76	5
BOYUP BROOK FIRE & RESCUE	355	99	

EMERGENCY INFORMATION & PHONE CONTACTS



Flood



Fire



Storm

Latest information:

In an Emergency it is important that you get your information from the most reliable and up to date source. Using the online sources below will be the best way to stay informed.

The **Emergency WA** website outlines the latest warnings and incidents.

The **Bureau of Meteorology** outlines the latest weather warnings.

If you need to report an issue or emergency:

Emergency

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Life threatening emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Police assistance

131 444

Non-emergency situations requiring Police attendance

Crimestoppers WA

1800 333 000

Anonymously report criminal activity, suspicious behaviour

Emergency warnings will be played on ABC radio at regular intervals until the emergency is over.

Storm Safety (SES) 132 500

Fire Safety (DFES) 133 337

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) 1300 659 210

Western Power 131 351

Water Corporation 131 375

Main Roads WA 138 138

Working together for a safe community.

If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on 131 450.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Emergencies can happen at any time, often without warning.

For advice on how you can prepare visit the Shire's website.



PETS IN AN EMERGENCY

As pets are reliant on owners for their safety in an emergency, it is essential that you plan ahead. Prepare for the safety and welfare of your pets and livestock well before an emergency event affects your property. If you have livestock allow yourself plenty of time to relocate them. Emergencies such as fire or flood can cause significant disruption. Plan for alternative escape routes and leave early to avoid unnecessary risks.

MY EMERGENCY BACK-UP TEAM

My Doctor Medical Practitioner	N:	P:
My Family Contact	N:	P:
My Neighbour 1	N:	P:
My Neighbour 2	N:	P:
Who would help me evacuate	N:	P:
Who would help me with my pets	N:	P:

DOWNLOAD THE EMERGENCY WA APP

The Emergency WA app is now available for download from the **App Store** and **Google Play**.

The app is a powerful tool that offers the fastest, most reliable access to alerts and warnings for hazards across Western Australia. Users can set custom watch zones, tailor notifications, upload critical documents and listen to emergency broadcasts – empowering communities to stay informed and safe.

Don't forget, emergencies can happen suddenly and cause disruptions to power, internet and telecommunications systems. It's important you know how to access a range of official information sources.

For more information about the Emergency WA app, visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services **website**.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

