

Total Fire Bans

What is a Total Fire Ban?

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is a ban on activities that could result in a fire starting. A TFB is declared on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property. This is because of predicted extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires and firefighting resources are stretched.

Total Fire Bans are declared using local government boundaries including visitors and residents in both rural and urban areas. You can see whether your local government area is affected by a Total Fire Ban at emergency.wa.gov.au

Some activities can continue during a Total Fire Ban if the activity is being carried out in relation to work for a business, a public authority, or as part of an agricultural activity.



If you ignore a Total Fire Ban, you could be fined up to \$25,000 and/or be jailed for up to 12 months

What does a TFB affect?

A TFB affects any activity that may cause a fire including:



Operating a hot-air balloon



Using a lawnmower or chainsaw



Using an incinerator



Lighting a campfire or using a fire pit



Using a grinder, welder or any other 'hot work' that creates a spark



Burning leaves, garden waste or grass cuttings



Using an outdoor wood-fired pizza oven or stove, or a BBQ that uses solid fuel

For the full list of prohibited activities, visit dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

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In any area on which there is vegetation (off-road), you cannot use equipment powered by an internal combustion engine including:

- › Vehicles such as car, tractor, motorbike, quad bike or dune buggy
- › A chainsaw or lawn mower
- › A plant trimmer or grass trimmer
- › Bobcats, excavators, bulldozers (or any other similar machines)
- › A generator



Any tools that cause sparks can be used inside a shed if it is fully enclosed on all sides (i.e. has a door, four walls and a roof).

When is a TFB issued?

A TFB is announced either in the afternoon of the day before, or on the actual day and generally last for 24 hours.



The need for the ban is assessed throughout the day and may be cancelled depending on conditions.

Other information to be aware of:


- › Any burning permits held by residents or landowners are fully suspended until the ban is over.
- › TFBs are generally declared using the whole local government boundary.
- › When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme and above, TFBs are generally declared.

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 emergency.wa.gov.au

 TFB Hotline **1800 709 355**

 13 DFES (**133 337**)

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For information, including how to apply for an exemption, visit dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

