

Shire of Ravensthorpe

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Dear Landowner

RE: FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

Landowner/Occupiers are reminded to avoid receiving a Bushfire Warning Notice, or an unpleasant \$250.00 Infringement notice, **NOW** is the time to start preparing your property for the upcoming fire season.

The TOP 5 BASIC ACTIONS any Landowner/occupier can undertake right now around their property are the following;

- **1. TRIM** overhanging trees and shrubs from around your house, windows, buildings, firebreaks and driveways.
- **2. MOW** Mulch or Slash your lawn, fire breaks, unmanaged grassland and pastures and remove all the cut grass. All grasses must be maintained and not exceed 100mm in height.
- 3. **REMOVE** dead material and wood piles that can burn around your home.
- **4. CLEAR** and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home and around your meter box. Clear a 3mt wide bare earth fire breaks where required.
- **5. PREPARE** a hose or hoses that can stretch all around the house. Test your fire pumps to make sure they are in proper working order.

Please refer to the Shire of Ravensthorpe Fire Break Notice to read up on your full list of requirements. If you have not received your copy of the Fire Break Notice, copies can be found at either the Ravensthorpe or Hopetoun Shire Offices or downloaded from the Shire website.

If you have not already engaged with a contractor, do so now! to ensure contractors can complete work prior to the due date and are aware what works are required around your property. Don't be afraid to speak to other contractors if your preferred contractor can't guarantee works being completed on time.

Remember... Fire Break Inspections will commence on Monday 15th October 2018.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact shire staff during office hours, or alternatively there is a copy of frequently asked questions available from the Shire website that may help answer your question.

FIRE WAITS FOR NO ONE...!



ARE
YOU
BUSHFIRE
READY...?