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Fire permit period brought forward

The City of Albany advises the permit period for burning in the South West Sector has been brought forward to 26 October.

Albany Bush Fire Brigades are urging the community to start preparing their family for the bushfire season.

City of Albany Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Derek Jones said it was essential that everyone knew their bushfire risk and had prepared a bushfire survival plan.

“Bushfires can start suddenly and move very fast, so if you live or travel near bush you need to be know what you will do if a fire occurs,” Mr Jones said.

“Write down your bushfire survival plan and practice it regularly with your family so you don’t make decisions at the last minute that could prove deadly.

“To prepare your property for bushfire, create a 20 metre building protection zone around your property, maintain a two metre gap between trees around the home, keep grass short and prune shrubs and trees. A well prepared property has the best chance of surviving a bushfire.”

Mr Jones said bushfire preparedness was everyone’s responsibility.

“Firefighters volunteer their time to prevent and respond to bushfires, however we need to community to do their part and make sure they are adequately prepared this season,” he said.

For more information about preparing for bushfires visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website www.dfes.wa.gov.au or www.areyouready.wa.gov.au.

For fire management requirements within the City of Albany visit www.albany.wa.gov.au.

Fire Management Requirements 2014-2015: Burn times

North East Sector

3 October to 14 November - Permits required
15 November to 1 March - Burning prohibited
2 March to 30 April - Permits required

South West Sector

26 October to 14 December - Permits required
15 December to 15 March - Burning prohibited
16 March - 30 April - Permits required

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