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Take extra care when burning off

- Low rainfall has led to dry soil
- **Don't** leave burn offs to extinguish themselves
- Burn offs have already reignited and escaped

The City of Albany is encouraging residents to take extra care this year when burning off after a drier than average winter.

City of Albany Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Derek Jones said now was the time for landowners to prepare their properties for the fire season.

“Many residents prepare for the fire season by conducting controlled burns on their properties, but extra care needs to be taken this year after a very dry winter,” he said.

“We have only received half the average winter rainfall this year and the soil is very dry. Residents need to **fully** extinguish all burn offs. You can't rely on night air and soil moisture to do this.”

Mr Jones said already this year landowners had experienced burn offs reigniting and escaping, sometimes days after the initial burn.

For more information on fire management, including burning times, fire break requirements and bush fire brigade contact details, please visit www.albany.wa.gov.au.

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