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Be careful when burning off

The City of Albany wishes to remind everyone to be very careful when conducting any burn-off activity after several recent incidents which required the assistance of City of Albany volunteer firefighters.

City of Albany Chief Bushfire Control Officer Ross Fenwick said hazard reduction burns were a key part of preparing your property for the fire season.

“They reduce fuel loads and create building protection zones around your property, but it is vital they are conducted safely,” he said.

“Your local bushfire brigade can offer crucial guidance and information on bushfire preparation and may also be able to assist in conducting burns, so don’t hesitate to get in contact.”

Before conducting any type of hazard reduction burns it is vital to: check whether permits are required, advise your local bushfire brigade and your neighbours of your intention to burn off, consider which way smoke and embers will blow, be aware of the latest weather forecasts, dress appropriately in natural-fibre long sleeves, long pants and gloves; and have running water on hand nearby.

For a full list of contact details for all 16 of the City of Albany’s volunteer bushfire brigades, consult the Fire Management Requirements flyer that was sent out with rate notices, visit www.albany.wa.gov.au or call 9841 9333.

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