

Burn SMART Checklist

Stages 1 and 2: Planning the burn

Planning should be undertaken weeks or even months in advance of your planned burn.

Actions	Completed
Develop a fuel management strategy for your property. Sketch how you will divide your property into manageable burn patches. Refer to full instructions on pages 12-13 of the Burn SMART guide.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact your local government for information on burning restrictions in your area. A permit to burn will be required during restricted burning season.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare your burn patch. Refer to and complete the list of preparations on page 14 of the Burn SMART guide.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Stage 3: Before the burn

Actions	Completed
Confirm it has been two days but no more than 10 days since it last rained (5mm or greater) You can check at bom.gov.au/climate/data .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check for mild weather conditions for the next several days at bom.gov.au/places/wa . Do not burn if strong winds and dry conditions are forecast.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure all equipment is available and in good working order. Include a metal rake, shovel, hose or another source of water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm that the people helping you with the burn are still available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify all neighbours no less than four days prior to burning. This includes neighbours separated by a road, lane or waterway.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Stages 4 and 5: Day of the burn

Actions	Completed
Visit emergency.wa.gov.au for current Total Fire Ban and Fire Danger Ratings in your area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit bom.gov.au/wa/warnings to check that the Bureau of Meteorology has not issued a severe weather, strong wind warning or haze alert for your area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check your local weather forecast at bom.gov.au/places/wa . Wind speeds should be less than 20 kilometres per hour. Relative humidity should be greater than or equal to 40%.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify your local government of your intent to burn, if required. If a permit has been issued, ensure burn conditions comply with those outlined on the permit and any additional notifications are completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the leaf moisture method on pages 8–9 of the Burn SMART guide. Confirm fuel moisture levels are appropriate for a burn.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call your neighbours and remind them that you're burning today.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register your burn with the DFES Communications Centre on (08) 9395 9209 .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct a pre-burn briefing with everyone who will be helping with your burn.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Know the steps you need to take in Stage 5: During the burn shown on page 17 of the Burn SMART guide.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the above steps have been completed and conditions are suitable, progress with your burn.

Stage 6: After the burn

Actions	Completed
Check the burn area the following day to ensure the fire has not reignited. There should be no smoke, smouldering vegetation or glowing embers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thoroughly check the burn patch several times a day for at least two days after the burn. Check for longer if the weather becomes hotter, drier or windier. Larger fuels may continue to smoulder for several days and potentially reignite. Monitor the area until you are confident that the burn is completely extinguished.	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more advice, consult your local government ([walga.asn.au/About-Local-Government/Online-Local-Government-Directory.aspx](https://www.walga.asn.au/About-Local-Government/Online-Local-Government-Directory.aspx)). Always check your local government requirements before conducting a burn.

Find out more at dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning or email BushfireCoE@dfes.wa.gov.au.