

ROAD VERGE BURNING POLICY

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Community Services	Regulatory Services	Road Verge Burning

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this Policy is to determine under what conditions the burning of road verges throughout the Shire of Plantagenet will be authorised.

POLICY:

1. The burning of vegetative matter on any roads, streets or ways under the care and control of the Shire of Plantagenet must be authorised by the Council (under delegation to the Chief Executive Officer). Authorisation will be conditional upon the following:
 - a. Roadside burning should only be carried out if no other practical options for fire hazard management are available.
 - b. Roadside burning is not permitted within the Prohibited Burning Period.
 - c. Burning is permitted within the Restricted Burning Period and at other times of the year provided a permit is obtained from a Shire of Plantagenet Fire Control Officer.
 - d. The fire must be attended at all times until the burn is completely safe and the fire is extinguished.
 - e. All sites must be inspected by a Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officer (FCO) and, if necessary, any requirements detailed by the FCO (recorded on the application form) adhered to.
 - f. The applicant ensures the protection of standing timber and complies with the Council's policy to protect and preserve natural vegetation on road reserves wherever possible. No burning of well-conserved or semi-conserved bush areas may occur without authorisation from the Council.
 - g. Applications require Department of Parks and Wildlife authorisation to ensure burning road verge will not cause any direct or indirect damage to declared rare flora or fauna.
 - h. No damage is caused to fences, roads, road furniture, drainage structures, public utilities or other property in the vicinity.
 - i. Road verge burning may only occur on vegetation adjoining that resident/land owner's property.
 - j. For environmental considerations a maximum two kilometres be burnt per rateable property annually.
 - k. The applicant installs the appropriate traffic warning devices to indicate potential smoke hazard.

1. No obstruction of roadways or drainage channels by fallen trees or other debris results.'

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