



**Application for Approval to light a fire in the open** (*Bush Fires Act (1954) section 25 (1c)(b)*).

The lighting of any fire outside between 15 November and 10 May not specifically for cooking contravenes the Bush Fires Act, unless a 'permit to burn' (permit) is obtained from the City of Bunbury. Those people that light fires outside during the abovementioned times, without a permit can receive significant penalties.

In recognition of the increasing use of outdoor heating devices and the recognition that if carefully installed and managed, they would not present an unreasonable risk, the City of Bunbury has recently changed its policies, to take advantage of a section of the Bush Fires Act that enables the City to issue permits for such heating devices, once they have been inspected and been proven to meet specific requirements.

<b>Applicants name</b>		
<b>Applicants Address</b>		
<b>Applicants Phone Contact</b>		
<b>Will the heating device be located at the above address</b>	YES/NO	<b>If 'NO' please state below, the address where the heating device will be located</b>

Under the regulation and on application to the City, a permit may be granted for a specific heating device, if you have answered "Yes" to all of the below conditions.

	<b>Conditions of approval for a Permit to Burn</b>	Yes/No
1	The heating device is manufactured of non-combustible material.	
2	The heating device is in a fixed position and is not portable.	
3	The heating device is situated in an area that has no flammable material surrounding it for a radius of not less than 3 metres.	
4	A non-flammable flue is effectively connected to manage sparks, so that they do not create a hazard to surrounding properties. The flue should be at least 2 metres in length and vertical.	

5	If the flue will emit sparks to an area that is not clear of flammable material for a distance of 5 metres, it has been fitted with a metal spark shield, of mesh type material that has a maximum aperture of 2mm.	
6	I am aware that should the fire danger be forecast as 'Very High', 'Severe', Extreme' or 'Catastrophic' for the Bunbury District, that the permit to burn is not valid for any part of that day. Additionally, it would also become invalid for any day where a 'Total Fire Ban' has been declared for Bunbury.	
7	I will ensure that I will only burn clean, dry wood and not burn any other materials that may cause irritating smoke to my neighbours, as they can lodge a complaint to the City, under the Health Act.	
8	I am aware that the 'permit to burn' is only valid for the period as stated on the permit and only for the heating device that was inspected.	
9	I am aware that it is my responsibility to ensure the validity of the permit and if required to renew the permit, prior to the heating device being used. Otherwise I could be liable to a penalty of \$250.	
10	The outdoor heating device will only be lit in the evening.	

<b>Applicant's Signature</b>		
<b>Print Name</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

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**Office Use Only**

<b>Property Inspection arranged</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>Inspected By</b>			
<b>Inspection results</b>			
<b>Permit Approved</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>		
<b>Permit Number</b>			
<b>Permit Issued Date</b>			
<b>Permit Expiry date</b>			