



**Northern Territory Fire
and Rescue Service**

Permits to Burn

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**Humpty Doo Fire Station
Bushfire Mitigation**

Permits

Permits to burn are required by the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service year round. Permits will be issued for piles of logs (windrows) and developmental reasons. The Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service discourages the use of fire in place of mowing.

What is the purpose of a Permit?

It provides an opportunity to give advice and directions to the applicant and to inspect the property to ensure that the fire is not likely to spread to neighbouring land. It also ensures that the locations of controlled burns are known so that unnecessary responses to fires are not made.

Do I always need a Permit to use fire?

Yes. Note there is no burning allowed in municipal areas.

Can a Permit to Burn be obtained at any time of the year?

No. Permits are routinely issued to land owners and occupiers during periods of low fire danger between December and May depending on the preceding weather conditions. Permits are closed May to December, however, development permits may be available in special circumstances.

How do I obtain a Permit?

Contact your local Volunteer Fire Brigade or nearest Fire Station.

Are there any conditions attached to a Permit?

Yes, these include –

- if a fire weather forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is Very High or above, all Permits are suspended;
- 48 hours notice is to be given to the owners or occupiers of all adjoining land;
- the Permit holder remains responsible for ensuring that the fire does not spread to other properties, and is liable for any losses incurred;
- the Permit holder must notify Fire Communications (notify number on Permit) immediately before the burn and after completion;
- the Permit holder must ensure a continuous supply of water is accessible to the burn pile;
- the issuing officer may add other conditions which are appropriate to the situation and the time of the year.

What should I know about building my pile?

Before creating your burn pile call your local Volunteer Fire Brigade or nearest Fire Station and they will advise on the site and size of the burn pile.

If you are clearing an area on your property and wish to burn the windrows, make sure the windrow is away from existing structures and sufficient distance away from your boundary so as not to present a danger to the neighbours.

Clear around your burn pile, mowing the grass as close as possible, then rake all the cut grass into your burn area. The cleared distance around your pile will be assessed upon issue of Permit.

What can I include?

Materials in burn piles can only be vegetative matter. No building waste, old furniture or plastics will be allowed.

There are circumstances where a one-off burn can be carried out for weed eradication or for initial development reasons. These burns will be carried out after consultation with your local Volunteer Brigade or Fire Station.

For further information or advice contact:

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Your local Volunteer Fire Brigade

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