



BE MINDFUL OF YOUR SMOKE

This time of year farmers and small property owners are preparing their properties for cropping or reducing fuel loading for the next fire season.

BEFORE YOU BURN

- “Think” do I need to burn this or can this be loaded onto a trailer and taken to the tip or put into a bin and taken away in the weekly collection.
- Check with the City about requirements for burn permits and other Local Laws.
- Many people in the City of Greater Geraldton suffer with a respiratory complaint of some sort. So check with your neighbours to see if it's okay to burn and make them aware that you're going to burn if permitted, as they may have washing on the line or even windows open in the house and this will allow them time to prepare.
- Obtain a weather forecast.
- Burn only when weather conditions are likely to disperse the smoke readily and take it away from residential area if possible.
- Avoid putting smoke across a road as this may create a traffic hazard.

MINIMISE SMOKE WHEN BURNING

- Ensure there are no petroleum based products (e.g. old tyres or plastics, copper logs) or chemicals contained within the burn.
- Ensure the material is free of manure, it is dry and 100% cured (dead).
- Burn only small amounts at any one time, so the fire will be completely burnt within one day and no smouldering will occur.
- Have a hose on standby to completely put fire out at the end of the burn.
- Ensure fire burns hot and continue turning pile as this will minimise smoke.

For more information regarding fire control measures, please visit the City of Greater Geraldton website www.cgg.wa.gov.au or contact the Emergency Management team during office hours (08) 9956 6600.