

Controlled Burning of Firebreaks



Cut-off date: 30th June

The cut-off date for burning fire breaks in the GRFPA area is **30th June**. Only the FPO can extend this date with good reason - thereafter permits are needed.

Activity	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fire Breaks	YES	YES	SPR	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Block Burning	YES	YES	SPR	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Crop Residue	YES	YES	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	YES	YES
Ash Pits	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

SPR = Special Permission Required from the FPO



Check before Burning

What is the Fire Danger Index (FDI) for the day? What do the colours mean?

Colour	Value	Fire Danger	Fire Prevention and Preparedness measures
BLUE	0-20	Low	No Precautions necessary
GREEN	21-45	Moderate	Fires, including prescribed burns, are allowed in the open air on condition that all reasonable precautions are taken against the fires spreading
YELLOW	46-60	Dangerous	<u>No fires</u> are allowed in the open air when FDI exceeds 55. Check with your Cluster Manager before burning.
ORANGE	61-75	Very Dangerous	<u>No fires</u> may be allowed in the open air under any circumstances.
RED	>75	Extremely Dangerous	<u>No fires</u> may be allowed in the open air under any circumstances, and special emergency fire preparedness measures must be put into place



Wind Checked?

The FDI is an average for an area, conditions can vary according to slope of ground, proximity to mountains and time of day. Fires between 11:00 and 15:00 usually burn more intensely.

Have the Cluster Manager & the Neighbours been notified?

Equipment Checked? Is it Sufficient? Protective clothing?

Has the fuel load been reduced?

What is the action plan, should things go wrong?

Is Membership of the GRFPA and insurance up to date?

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The GRFPA urges you to burn safely!