



FIREBREAKS

But... before you light.....



The GRFPA recommends preparing firebreaks by manually or mechanically reducing the fuel load rather than by burning. This is safer and has fewer restrictions in terms of the law and time when fire breaks can be prepared.

If there is no other alternative to prepare fire break than open fires, the land owner/occupant/land user must comply with Chapter 4 and 5 of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998 (NVFFA) and with the FIRE DANGER RATING as expressed by the Fire Danger Index (FDI)

PLEASE READ: The NVFFA, The GFFPA General Rules around burning firebreaks and information on the FDI. These documents and the list of cluster managers are available on the GRFPA WEBSITE:

<https://www.grfpa.org/> or email grfpa.fire@gmail.com

The NVFFA places the responsibility and duty on landowners to:

- prepare and maintain Firebreaks that have a reasonable chance of preventing spread, do not cause erosion and are reasonably free of inflammable material.
- notify neighbours of the intention to burn.
- notify the FPA before burning. NB: the FPA may object to the burn.
- have sufficient "equipment, protective clothing and trained personnel for extinguishing fires".

No burning is allowed when the FDI is Orange or Red or when the FPA has objected

MEMBERS may burn firebreaks up until the 30TH JUNE, provided they observe the NVFFA, the FDI, contact their neighbours and Cluster managers on the day of the burn, before and after the burn.

**FROM 1st July all BURNING will require a PERMIT
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR BURNS ARE COMPLETED BEFORE THE 30th JUNE**