

Total Fire Ban Activity Checklist

Catering Activities

NOTE: All relevant boxes need to be checked to undertake activity during a Total Fire Ban

Planning & Notification		
Activity Check	Regulation No.	Yes / NA
Activity is being carried out in the course of trade or commerce (business)	r.24ZM(2)(a)	
The Fire Danger Forecast is not Catastrophic? <i>(If the Fire Danger Forecast is Catastrophic – catering activity cannot be carried out).</i> https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/index.html#firedangerratings	r.24ZN	
Notification provided to DFES and Local Government via online notification form https://dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban . (Follow the link: <i>TFB Prescribed Activity Notification Form</i> at the top of the page).	r.24ZO	
Notification to DBCA - If work is being carried out within 3kms of land managed by Parks and Wildlife, you must also notify them prior to starting work.	r.24ZO	

Fire Prevention		
Activity Check	Regulation No.	Yes / NA
The ground within a 10m radius of the catering activity is cleared of flammable material.	r.24ZP(1)	
If an appliance involved in the catering activity has a chimney , the chimney must be designed and constructed to prevent sparks from escaping from the chimney.	r.24ZP(2)	
If an appliance involved in the catering activity burns solid fuel : (a) if there is a secure and sealable door fitted to the appliance the burning solid fuel must be sealed from the open air by the door; or (b) where there is no sealable door - the burning solid fuel must be sufficiently contained to prevent the spread of sparks or a fire.	r.24ZP(3)	
When the catering activity has been completed, any burning solid fuel (e.g. coals, briquettes or wood) in an appliance involved in the catering must be transported from the catering site. The fuel MUST be completely extinguished before it is transported. <i>i.e. do not tip coals into a bin on site and then leave.</i>	r.24ZP(4)	

Site & Safety Requirements		
Activity Check	Regulation No.	Yes / NA
At least two (2) approved fire extinguishers for the catering activity in proper working order must be provided and are in close proximity to the catering activity (e.g. 1 x 9kg or 2 x 4.5kg).	r.24ZQ(2)	
If there is no reticulated water supply available on a catering site, an approved fire hose must be provided at the catering site that is — (a) in proper working order; and (b) connected to an approved storage tank; and (c) in a location that ensures that water projected from the hose will reach the catering activity; and the ground within a 20m radius of the catering activity.	r.24ZQ(3)	
If there is reticulated water supply available on a catering site, a hose must be provided at the catering site that – (a) is in proper working order; and (b) is connected to an approved storage tank <i>or</i> the reticulated water supply; If the hose is connected to an approved storage tank — an approved fire hose must be used; or if the hose is connected to the reticulated water supply — a hose must be used that is able to securely connect to the water supply. The hose must be in a location that ensures that water projected from the hose will reach the catering activity; and the ground within a 20m radius of the catering activity.	r.24ZQ(4)	
There is at least one (1) able bodied person on the catering site who is trained in the operation of the approved fire extinguishers : a) at all times during which the catering activity is being carried out; and b) for at least 30 minutes after the catering activity is completed.	r.24ZR(1)	
The person referred to above [r.24ZR(1)] must not leave the catering site until the person is satisfied: a) any burning solid fuel in an appliance involved in the catering activity has been extinguished; and b) there is no fire, or anything likely to cause a fire, on the catering site.	r.24ZR(2)	

**Bush Fires Regulations 1954 – Regulations 24ZM-24ZR*

Note

If no Total Fire Ban is in place, a s.25A exemption is required for catering during a local government's restricted and prohibited burning times. Exemption information can be found at: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans/Pages/TotalFireBanExemptions.aspx>

Bush Fires Act 1954 s.25A

Definitions

Catering Activity: any of, or any combination of, the following undertaken for the purposes of cooking food:

- a) the use in the open air of an appliance that consumes solid fuel;
- b) the use in the open air of an appliance comprising fire;
- c) the use in the open air of a cooking process which produces fire (for example, flambéing);

Catering Activity **does not include** the use of a gas appliance as authorised under section 25(1aa) of the Act e.g. an enclosed gas barbeque (bbq) at your home or a designated public bbq area *is allowed* but only when there is a 5m area cleared of any combustible material around the bbq.

Section 25A: Section 25A under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* prohibits the use of an open flame during the restricted and prohibited burning times. Gas Flaring involves the use of an open flame, therefore a section 25A is required to carry out the activity.

Catering site: in relation to catering activity, means the place at which the catering activity is carried out.

Approved Fire Extinguisher: for the catering activity means a fire extinguisher suitable to extinguish a fire likely to occur in relation to the activity; and has a capacity of at least 9kg or 9L; and complies with the current Australian Standards.

Approved Fire Hose: a fire hose that is: at least 20 metres in length; and at least 19mm in diameter; and fitted with an adjustable nozzle having a full spray pattern capable of projecting a 6 metre jet of water.

Approved storage tank: a storage tank situated on land or mounted on a vehicle; and contains at least 400L of water; and has an approved pump in proper working order attached.

Open air: anywhere that is not fully enclosed by a building or structure.

*****Total Fire Bans (section 22C Bush Fires Act 1954) only apply to those activities being carried out in the open air, open air is defined as: anywhere that is not fully enclosed by a building or structure.***