

Township Land Clearing Program

Property owners have a responsibility to prevent the occurrence or spread of fire through their land.

To help ensure this responsibility is met, each year in October the City of Victor Harbor undertakes inspections of vacant blocks within the township and some rural areas to identify where block clearing is required as a fire prevention measure.

If your property is identified as requiring block clearing, you will receive a formal notice from Council requesting the fire hazard be removed. Property owners who receive a notice will be provided with a specific date by which to take the required action.

Vacant Urban Blocks

Council will inspect blocks in the Victor Harbor township in early October each year.

If a block in the Victor Harbor township is issued a notice requiring block clearing to occur, the property owner will have until 30 November to complete the required work before further action is taken.

Vacant Rural Blocks

Inspections of blocks in rural areas within the City of Victor Harbor will commence in mid October each year.

Rural landowners issued with a notice requiring block clearing must complete the hazard reduction work before the date specified on the notice before further action is taken.

Non-compliance and further action

If property owners do not comply with the notice issued, a fine of \$315 will be issued for failing to comply with the requirements of a notice issued under the SA Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005. Additionally, Council will arrange for the block clearing to occur and further charge the property owner a minimum of \$175 per standard block.

Block Slashing Contractors

The following businesses offer block clearing services:

- J **Harbor Block Slashing** (Urban and Rural)
– Darren Lush, 0427 445 266

More information?

Contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on (08) 8551 0500 or localgov@victor.sa.gov.au if you have any queries relating to fire prevention or the block clearing program.

Please note: that the timelines provided within this factsheet may change as a result of weather conditions.