



Colinton Rural Fire Brigade

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Colinton NSW 2626
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Fire Permits

No fire permits will be issued by the Colinton Fire Brigade from today until 2 January 2021, after which time the policy will be reviewed.

GRASS FIRES – BE ALERT – GRASS FIRES CAN KILL

- This season we have seen exceptional grass growth.
- This has increased the risk of hot, fast-moving grass fires.
- After rain, it only takes a day of hot, dry conditions for dangerous conditions to re-emerge.
- When conditions allow, slash/mow around buildings, driveway and other assets to reduce the risk.
- If you are uncertain if the conditions are safe, call Graham Povey 0419 406 908 or Michael Burton 0407 003 392.
- When slashing or mowing, keep water on hand with another person present if possible, to keep watch.
- A knapsack is a convenient and effective tool to put water on the fire.
- If you start or see a grass fire that is out of control call triple zero.

- Stay well away from the fire front.
- Retreat to a safe refuge such as bare or burnt ground.

CURING – As grasses die and dry out this is called curing. The more cured the grass becomes, the hotter a grass fire will be and the faster it will move.

GRASS HEIGHT – Fire in tall grass may burn across trails or fire breaks.

MACHINERY AND GRASS FIRES – Machinery such as tractors, slashers, harvesters, welders, chainsaws and grinders can all start grass fires.

VEHICLES – most cars and 4WD vehicles are fitted with catalytic converters in their exhaust systems and they will start a fire in cured long grass. Even a hot exhaust can start a grass fire. Avoid driving through or stopping in cured long grass at any time.

More detailed information on grass fires and other fact sheets about fire can be found on the NSW Rural Fire Service website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/publications

You can also contact:

Graham Povey, Colinton Captain
0419 406 908 or
Michael Burton, Senior Deputy Captain
0407 003 392

For further information on fire permits and grass fires.