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NOW is the time clean up yards in preparation for Fire Danger Season this summer.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is about to begin property inspections and issue reminder notices to landowners who need to cut long grass in preparation for the Fire Danger Season ahead.

Fire Prevention Officer Tony Austin said it was important property owners prepare homes and properties to minimise risk and avoid the horrors of last year's bushfires.

"As grasses begin to dry out across the Council area, it is important that land owners are aware of their responsibilities in regard to fire prevention and to mow or slash long grass accordingly," he said.

"Last summer we saw the devastating impact of the Cudlee Creek fire that reached all the way through to Monarto and Rockleigh, and we don't want to see a repeat of that.

"We need to be aware of future fire potential in the region and reduce fuel loads wherever possible.

"Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play."

Mr Austin said properties found to be non-compliant during an audit of the area would receive written notices and further non-compliance would result in fines being issued.

"Council takes fire prevention very seriously as we have witnessed the perils of fire in recent years," he said.

"I encourage anyone with questions about compliance to contact Council and we can talk them through the requirements."

Fire Danger Season is expected to begin mid-November – exact dates will be announced by the Country Fire Service (CFS) before then.

For more information on compliance phone Council on 8539 1100 or visit <https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/services/your-safety/fireandburning>.

For more information about fire safety and prevention visit <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp>