When conditions are safe, landowners may use fire to lower fuel loads or create firebreaks, providing you have the capability to control the fire.

Allowing a fire to spread from your property to another property is an offence.

Fire may only be used within a Fire Protection Zone if a permit is first obtained. To check if you’re within a fire protection zone visit denr.nt.gov.au/firebreaks

How do I get a permit?
If you are in a Fire Protection Zones you can get a permit from your local volunteer bushfire brigade or fire warden.

Darwin 08 8922 0844
Katherine 08 8973 8871
Alice Springs/ Tennant Creek 08 8952 3066

A permit is required to light a fire outside the Fire Protection Zone during a Fire Danger Period.
A Fire Danger Period is declared to coincide with the fire season in each area at different times across the Territory.
A permit is required for any type of outdoor fire, including burning a pile of rubbish.
A cooking fire is permitted if a 4m wide area is cleared around the fire and there is a adult supervision.

Lighting a fire without a permit is a serious offence.

The maximum penalty for lighting a fire without a permit is a $78,500 fine or 5 years imprisonment.

nt.gov.au/bushfires