

YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Prepare your home.



A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire.

Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack.

A well prepared home can also:

- Be easier for you or firefighters to defend
- Be less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk
- Give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave

TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

PREPARATION ACTION	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETE
☐ Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.		___/___/___
☐ Mow grass and remove the cuttings.		
☐ Having a cleared area around your home will give firefighters a safe area to work.		___/___/___
☐ Remove material that can burn around your home. This includes things such as door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, outdoor furniture.		___/___/___
☐ Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding you home. Burning embers can set your home on fire.		___/___/___
☐ Prepare a sturdy hose/s that will reach all around your home. Make sure you have a reliable source of water (pool, tank, dam) and a diesel/petrol pump available.		___/___/___

LEAVE EARLY ACTIONS CHECKLIST

The AIDER Program

If you have limited ability to prepare and cannot access support from family, the NSW RFS may be able to provide assistance via the Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents (AIDER) Program.

For more information, contact the AIDER Team:

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MORE PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR HOME

PREPARATION ACTION

- ☐ Block areas where embers can enter the house (external walls, windows, doors, under house)
- ☐ Install metal fly screens on all windows and vents
- ☐ Install metal gutter guards
- ☐ Position gas cylinders on side of house and away from trees and gardens, direct any pressure valves away from house
- ☐ Install a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- ☐ Move garden beds away from house
- ☐ Replace wood fences with metal fences
- ☐ Use stones instead of mulch
- ☐ Repair damaged or missing tiles on roof
- ☐ If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water
- ☐ Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.

For more information on what you can do to prepare for bush fire this season:



NSW Rural Fire Service Website
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
www.myfireplan.com.au



Bush Fire Information Line
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)



Your nearest NSW RFS Fire Control Centre:



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