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Burn Safety Checklist

Considerations	Details	Advice
Safety Requirements (as applicable)	Is the property where you are burning in an LGA where a fire permit is required and if so, do you have a current, valid fire permit? https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP	Don't burn if you cannot meet all applicable safety requirements. Don't burn if current or forecast weather conditions are not within permit conditions.
	Check any restrictions (as per permit conditions), bans on open burning in your area, or if your permit has been suspended.	
	Check the area is clear of all combustable and flammable materials, ideally within 10 meters of the burn site, or as per permit conditions.	
	All required plant, equipment and resources are readily available, fit for purpose, and in working order (i.e. tractor, hose, extinguisher, shovels, water sources).	
	All other permit conditions as documented are met (if applicable).	
	Copy of fire permit (paper or digital) is on person/s conducting the burn (if applicable).	
Notifications	Have you completed all required notifications to adjacent landowners and authorities at least 24 hours prior to lighting?	Don't burn if you do not have protective clothing and/or adequate drinking water available.
Weather	Check the weather outlook and ensure it is within permit conditions? Max Temp: _____ Wind Speed: _____ Wind Direction: _____ Check the Fire Danger Rating for your area and refer to below: No Rating: Okay to burn Moderate: Okay to burn, if conditions allow High: Contact local RFS District Office for advice Extreme: Do NOT Burn Catastrophic: Do NOT Burn	Don't burn if you do not have a mobile phone or other communication method available.
Protective Clothing	Long sleeve shirt & pants (i.e. cotton, denim or wool) sturdy boots, wide brim hat or helmet and work gloves. Ensure you have plenty of drinking water available.	Don't burn if you cannot watch the fire (if applicable).
Communication	Mobile phone or other communication method is readily available should the fire get out of control. If others are assisting, ensure they are briefed accordingly.	
Monitoring	Ensure someone is always watching the fire (as per permit conditions if applicable) and checking the weather while the fire is burning.	



IN THE EVENT THAT THE FIRE IS BEGINNING TO GET BEYOND YOUR CONTROL HOLDER, CALL 000 (Triple Zero) IMMEDIATELY



For more information contact your local RFS District Office

