

# “Prepare your home for Bushfire Season”

## Fire Preparation Checklist

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### Use this quick and easy checklist to help prepare your home for bushfire.

Contact your local fire authority for detailed advice on home and personal planning for bushfires.

- Ensure that you and your family have a bushfire plan, and that everyone within the household are aware of the plan.
- Communicate your evacuation plan to your neighbours.
- Clear your gutters of leaves and twigs, install leaf guards to reduce maintenance.
- Remove any building timber, firewood and flammable items around your home.
- Remove any flammable materials such as paint or engine oils from your shed or garage.
- Keep grass around your home and sheds five to ten centimetres in length.
- Prune surrounding trees so that branches are at least 2 metres away from all buildings, including sheds, children’s play areas and water tanks.
- Vent pipes on LPG cylinders away from the house.
- Ensure that roof vents or skylights are sealed.
- Place weather stripping around doors and windows to eliminate any gaps.
- Consider installing a sprinkler system with metal nozzles, using a supply from your pool, dam or water tank. You will need a petrol or diesel pump to access this water in the event that mains power fails during a bushfire.
- Prepare a bushfire kit, ready to go just in case. (See list for details on what to include)
- Check/update/purchase fire fighting equipment, hoses – ensuring that they are working and up to standard.

The information in this brochure has been checked for accuracy and validity by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC).

### “Do you need..?”

- LADDER
- SPADE
- RAKE
- TRIMMER
- CHAINSAW
- MOWER
- HOSES
- BUCKETS
- WATER CONTAINERS
- WATER PUMP
- PORTABLE RADIO
- WATERPROOF TORCH
- BATTERIES
- RAGS
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- FIRE BLANKET
- FIRST AID KIT
- GENERATOR
- PORTABLE SPRAYER

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