

# INFORMATION FOR RURAL LANDHOLDERS AND FARMERS

## PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY



If you live on a rural property, there are simple tasks you need to complete to prepare your property for fire.

A well-prepared property can:

- Be easier for you or firefighters to defend
- Give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave
- Reduce the possibility of a fire spreading onto your property
- Increase protection for valuable assets, such as stock, crops, infrastructure and machinery

### TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR PROPERTY SAFER



#### 1. CLEAR / SLASH

Clear flammable materials (e.g. gas cylinders) and slash areas of long, dry grass around structures like the home and shed.



#### 2. BURN

If you have the required permit / approval and training, conduct a controlled burn on your property to reduce fuel.



#### 3. PLOUGH

Plough firebreaks around each paddock boundary to prevent the spread of fire.



#### 4. ROTATE

Rotate stock across the property to ensure paddocks are well-grazed.











#### 5. PREPARE

Prepare and maintain sturdy hoses and water pumps in case you need to defend your property.



## MORE PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR PROPERTY

-  Prepare a property map and action plan
-  Clean and maintain machinery such as tractors, slashers, harvesters, welders, chainsaws and grinders
  - Fit an approved spark arrestor
  - Carry a working water fire extinguisher (minimum 9L liquid or 0.9kg dry powder) or knapsack (minimum 16L)
-  Prepare a safer location for livestock
-  Remove overhanging branches from power lines
-  Ensure that a fire truck can safely access your property
-  Place water pipes from dams underground and install a pump to the house
-  Make sure hoses have spray nozzles attached
-  Keep water tanks full and connected to pumps

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](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)



**Your nearest NSW RFS  
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**Bush Fire Information Line**  
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

