



Is your property fire-safe?

1. Check ridge leading to the gutter.
2. Trim bushes away from power lines.
3. Repair or replace damaged roofing and weatherboards which embers can enter.
4. Fit a fireproof door along the back boundary.
5. Trim firewood away from the house.
6. Fit fireproof door leading to a well-graded parking area.
7. Show petrol and gas safety signs in a shed.
8. Show water from dams and ponds. Check any on mains.
9. Use a well-maintained pump with easy access.
10. Pump with easy access.
11. Seal under floor spaces to prevent ember blowing.
12. Check cables and leading to the lighting.
13. Place water glass (waterproof) from the pump to the house.
14. Use string or netting to hang up clothes on roof.
15. Fit water tanks & connect hoses to pump for fire fighting.
16. Sweep grass cut.
17. Small pet or plant and keep garden close to the house.

Asset Protection Zone
Area cleared of combustible material surrounding a built or natural asset.

Bush Fire Preparation Map



Hillgrove

WORKS PROGRAM

Map Reference	Treatment Strategy	Action	Responsible Agency/Group	Support Agency	Timeframe
AS	Hazard Reduction	Inspect and maintain Strategic Fire Advantage Zones	NSW Rural Fire Service/as per land tenure		Inspect annually. Overall fuel hazard levels maintained below high.
	Property Planning	Inspect and maintain the Neighbourhood Safer Place as per RFS guidelines	Armidale Regional Council/NSW Rural Fire Service		Annual Inspection
N/A	Property Planning	Inspect and maintain Hillgrove Fire Trail	NSW Rural Fire Service	Department of Industry - Lands	Annual Inspection
N/A	Preparedness	Response Pre-incident Planning - Hillgrove Mine	Fire and Rescue NSW	NSW Rural Fire Service	2017
N/A	Preparedness	Response Pre-incident Planning - general	Hillgrove Rural Fire Brigade	NSW Rural Fire Service	Ongoing
N/A	Ignition Management	Manage use of fire in the environment through fire permits, hazard reduction certificates and camp fire restrictions	NSW Rural Fire Service	Armidale Regional Council/Department of Industry - Lands	Ongoing
N/A	Community Education	Targeted community engagement / education program	NSW Rural Fire Service		2017
	Preparedness	Complete a Bush Fire Survival Plan	Hillgrove Residents	NSW Rural Fire Service	2017
	Preparedness	Maintain Residential Preparation Zones	Hillgrove Residents	NSW Rural Fire Service	Ongoing

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1. Cut back any overhanging trees or shrubs and dispose of cuttings appropriately.
2. Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles.
3. Clean leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and fit quality metal leaf guards.
4. Non-combustible fences are the most effective at withstanding the intense heat generated by bush fire.
5. Plant trees and shrubs that are less likely to ignite due to their low oil content.
6. If you have a water tank, dam or swimming pool, consider installing a Static Water Supply sign (SWS).
7. Enclose sub-floor areas.
8. Store wood piles well away from the house and keep covered.
9. Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass short.
10. Make sure the pressure relief valves on LPG cylinders face outdoors.
11. Ensure you have a hose which is long enough to reach every part of the home.
12. Remove and store any flammable items away from the house.
13. Install metal fly-wire or solid screens to the outside windows and doors.
14. Have a non-combustible doormat.

Zone	Purpose	Suppression Objectives	Zone Characteristics
Asset Protection Zone	To protect human life, property and highly valued public assets.	To enable the safe use of Direct Attack suppression strategies within the zone. To minimise bush fire impacts on undefendable assets.	As per RFS document Standards for Asset Protection Zones.
Strategic Fire Advantage Zone	To provide strategic areas of fire protection advantage which will reduce the speed and intensity of bush fires, and reduce the potential for spot fire development; To aid containment of bush fires to existing management boundaries.	To improve the likelihood and safe use of: Parallel Attack suppression strategies within the zone, and/or Indirect Attack (back burning) in high to very high fire weather conditions within the zone. To reduce the likelihood of: Crown fire development within the zone, and/or Spot fire ignition potential from the zone.	Zone width related to suppression objectives and dependant upon: • Topography • Aspect • Spotting propensity • Location of adjacent firebreaks • Mosaic pattern of treatment • Assess Overall Fuel Hazard (OFH) once vegetation communities reach minimum fire thresholds within this plan. Management practices should aim to achieve mosaic fuel reduction patterns so that the majority of the SFAZ has an OFH of less than high.
Residential Preparation Zone	To identify that residents / property owners have a vital role to play in bush fire risk management and that they are responsible for their own property preparedness.	To increase the preparedness of residents for bush fire and ensure that vegetation in close proximity to residential assets is adequately maintained. To provide a defendable space for residents / fire fighters and complement hazard reduction works carried out within Asset Protection Zones / Strategic Fire Advantage Zones.	Residents / property owners should strive to achieve a 'Fire-Safe' property as outlined in the illustration above. Concerns regarding the bush fire safety of neighbouring properties should be raised with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

LEGEND

- Proposed Asset Protection Zone
- Proposed Strategic Fire Advantage Zone
- Approved Asset Protection Zone
- Approved Strategic Fire Advantage Zone
- Residential Preparation Zone
- Neighbourhood Safer Place
- Fire Trail

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