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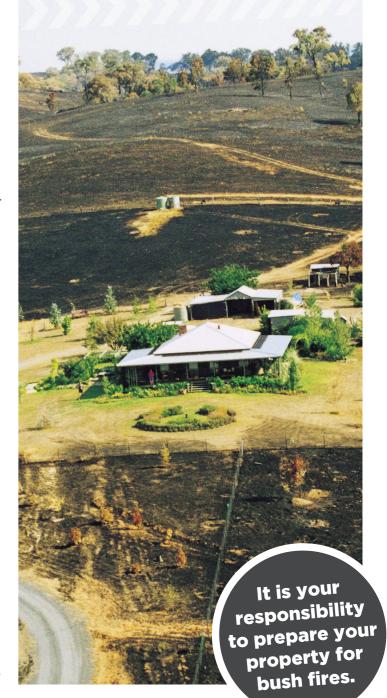
Regardless of your decision to Leave Early or Stay and Defend, you still need to prepare your property against the threat of a bush fire and ember attack.

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 bush fire and/or ember attack.
- > Can be easier for you and firefighters to defend.
- Is less likely to put your neighbours' properties at risk.
- Will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave and have to take shelter.

Property preparation checklist:

- Complete a Bush Fire Survival Plan.
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained, removing things like mulch away from your property.
- Trim any trees or shrubs that are close to your property.
- Remove dead leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes.
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property.
- Install metal gutter guards.
- Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles.
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors.
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate
- If you have a water tank, dam or swimming pool contact your local brigade to have a **Static Water Supply (SWS)** sign installed.
- Install a fire sprinkler system to your roof and gutters.
- Check your home and contents insurance is adequate and up-to-date.







Download and complete your BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN todayat www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or 'MyFirePlan' app
for smartphones and tablets.











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- Cut back any overhanging trees or shrubs and dispose of cuttings appropriately.
- Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles.
- Non-combustible fences are the most effective at withstanding the intense heat generated by a bush fire.
- Clean leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and fit quality metal leaf guards.
- 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 Have a non-combustible doormat.
- 8 Install metal flywire or solid screens to the outside windows and doors.
- 9 Check the condition of external walls, cladding and seal any gaps.
- 10 Remove and store any flammable items away from the house.
- Ensure you have a hose which is long enough to reach every part of the home.
- Make sure the pressure relief valves on LPG cylinders face outwards (so flame is not directed towards the house).
- 13 Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass short.
- 14 Store wood piles well away from the house and keep covered.
- 15 Enclose underfloor areas.



