

Bush fire survival plan



Step 1 - Discuss what to do if a bush fire threatens your home

Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focused.



Step 2 - Prepare your home and get it ready for bush fire season

There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.



Step 3 - Know the bush fire alert levels

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.



Step 4 - Keep all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

For more detailed information on these steps visit rfs.nsw.gov.au

In an Emergency

Call Triple Zero (000) and ask for Police, Fire or Ambulance. If you are hearing or speech impaired call 106.



Emergency Plus



Fires Near Me NSW

Download these apps to assist in an emergency and to prepare for bush fires

Useful Contacts

Help to make your property safe

For information on how to prepare your property for bush fire contact the following:

NSW Rural Fire Service
Northern Beaches District
9450 3000
rfs.nsw.gov.au

Your local Fire and Rescue NSW Station

Northern Beaches Council
1300 434 434
northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Fire restrictions and updates

1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
Bush Fire Info Line

rfs.nsw.gov.au

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Bush Fire Preparation

Keep this leaflet handy for the bush fire danger period



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Preparing for bush fires

We love our surrounding bushland, but it means living with the risk of bush fires during warmer months.

Studies show that most properties are at risk from burning embers carried by wind. By preparing your home properly you can reduce the bush fire threat.



Reducing bush fire risk

Public Land

Land managers are responsible for managing bush fire risk on public lands. They work closely with the Northern Beaches Bush Fire Management Committee to ensure bush fire risk is reduced.

The committee is made up of Council, the NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, National Parks, Crown Lands, Police and other organisations. They carry out a range of activities and strategies to reduce the risk including maintaining fire trails and vegetation, hazard reduction burns, community events and preparing a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the area.

Private Property

Private property owners are responsible for bush fire management on their land. There are simple steps that you can undertake to make a plan and prepare your home. A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire.

You may need to clear vegetation to create and maintain an asset protection zone or wish to carry out a hazard reduction burn on your land. Before doing so you must obtain approval, such as a hazard reduction certificate or other consent. Contact the NSW Rural Fire Service or Council for more information.

Reporting a bush fire hazard

If you are concerned about a bush fire hazard on your property, or land in the vicinity of your property, the NSW Rural Fire Service can provide advice. Contact the NSW Rural Fire Service for more information.

**If you observe any suspicious behaviour
call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
To report a fire emergency call Triple Zero (000)**

Preparing your home

- Clean your gutters of leaves and twigs
- Install metal gutter guards
- Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water
- Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.



Follow any fire restrictions or bans

Call 1800 679 737 or visit rfs.nsw.gov.au