



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN LEAVING FOR A SAFER PLACE

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for (list all household members):

What will be your trigger to leave? (consider triggers such as seeing a fire, the smell of smoke, family members being home alone, the Fire Danger Rating, loss of water or power and the ability to leave your home safely)

What will you do with your pets and/or livestock? (consider their food, water bowl, bed, leash, medication, toys and paperwork). Not all evacuation centres accept animals so consider taking your pet to a friend

What will you take with you? (eg. survival kit, personal documents, personal items, medications and mobile phones)

How will you get to your safer place?

Where will you and your family/household go?

Address:

What will you do if someone is at school or work?

Who have you told about your bushfire survival plan and your intention to leave?

List any actions that you need to take that are specific to your home: (that may not be outlined in the leaving for a safer place checklist)

Who will you call when you arrive at your safer place?

List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they are unable to leave)

Where will you store your protective clothing?



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WHAT IS YOUR BACKUP PLAN?

You and your family planned to leave but it is too late.
What will you do?

What might go wrong with your plan to leave? (eg. you have no transport)

How safe is your home if leaving is no longer an option?

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

What will you do as the fire front approaches? (ie. closing all doors and windows, filling buckets with water, turning off your evaporative air conditioner)

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

List equipment you will need: (hoses, rakes, shovels pumps, generators etc.)

Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres?

What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to be safer?



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN PLANNING TO ACTIVELY DEFEND

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for: (list all household members)

Who will leave for a safer place? (consider very young children, elderly, people with disabilities and ill family members).

Where will they go and how will they get there?

What will be the trigger for them to leave?

What will you do if someone is at school or work?

What additional items do you need to add to your survival kit and where will it be stored?

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

List any modifications you need to make and when:

List equipment you will need and where you will store it: (hoses, rakes, shovels, pumps, generators etc.)

Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres to defend your property?



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PERSONAL SAFETY

How many people will you need to actively defend your home?

Who will be there to help you?

List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they cannot leave)

Where will you store your protective clothing?

What is your backup plan if one person is home alone?

What is your backup plan if you cannot to return to your home to actively defend your house (roads blocked)?

ON THE DAY OF A BUSHFIRE

List what you need to do before the fire front arrives that are specific to your property: (that may not be listed in the 'planning to actively defend' checklist)

What do you need to do to make your pets and livestock safe?

If you plan to relocate some family members, pets or livestock and then return to your house, when will this be done and how long will this take?

What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to shelter?
