

# PROPERTY PREPARATION CHECKLIST



**Firefighters will be too busy fighting fires on the frontline to be able to defend your home and property.**

You can better prepare your home for a bushfire by completing this Property Preparation Checklist.



## SIMPLE AND ONGOING PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations monthly during fire season

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Cut the grass around your property to below 20cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prune shrubs so they are not dense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean gutters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check gas release valves face away from property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## MORE LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations annually

- Remove any shrubs from against the home
- Keep gas cylinders away from likely direction of fire (i.e. where bush is) and turn release valves outwards
- Remove wood, mulch or any flammable material against or near the house
- Create a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches
- Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows, vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioner
- Block any gaps under floor, in the roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings
- Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence

## ADDITIONAL RURAL PROPERTY PROTECTION

- Make sure fire trucks can access and turn on your property
- Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access
- Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries
- Store petrol and gas safely away in a shed
- Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house
- If a fire threatens move livestock to a well grazed paddock
- Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property