

# PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY



## FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FIRES ON THE FRONTLINE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY.

To reduce the spread of fire and provide some shelter, start preparing your property by completing this Property Preparation Checklist.



## PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations **monthly during fire season.**

- ☐ Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less.
- ☐ Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- ☐ Ensure gas cylinders are chained/secured upright.
- ☐ Check gas release valves face away from property.
- ☐ Clean gutters.

## LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations **annually.**

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

## RURAL PROTECTION

Complete these preparations **if you own a rural property.**

- ☐ Make sure fire trucks can access and turn around 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.
- ☐ Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- ☐ If a fire threatens, move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- ☐ Check generator and pumps are working.

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