

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT



FIGHTING A FIRE CAN QUICKLY TURN INTO A VERY DANGEROUS, LIFE THREATENING SITUATION. There is a very good chance you will be on your own as firefighters may be too busy fighting fires on the frontline to help defend your property, and it is highly likely that the water and electricity to your property will be shut off. The heat will be intense. **Think about it; is your life, or the lives of your family worth risking?**



EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO BE COMPLETELY PREPARED TO STAY AND DEFEND:

If you are planning to stay and defend fill out this checklist to ensure you are completely prepared, and prepare your house and property before a bushfire threatens to reduce fire spread.

- An independent water supply of at least 20,000 litres – the mains water will likely be shut off.
- A generator (>1.5kVA) and sufficient fuel to power a pump – the electricity is likely to be shut off.
- A firefighting or pressure pump that can operate up to 400lpm and is shielded from high temperature.
- At least two hoses with metal hose fittings (so they won't melt) that are long enough to reach all parts of your house.
- Bury plastic water pipes where possible, so they won't melt.
- Ladders for inside and outside the house to reach gutters and roof space.
- Metal rakes and shovels to break up burning materials.
- Knapsack or garden backpack spray unit to help put out spot fires.
- Cotton mops and metal buckets to put out embers.
- Protective clothing, masks, gloves, boots and hat/helmet for everyone.
- Emergency kit.

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