

Bushfire preparation checklist

When bushfire season is about to start, it's time to act. You can use AAMI's online checklist as a guide to prepare and secure your home.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY & EVACUATION PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop an evacuation plan specific to your home and local area. | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the safest routes to community support centres. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm the contact details of friends, schools, family and people in your support network. | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm arrangements for your animals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Establish or confirm your household's safe meeting point. | <input type="checkbox"/> Locate your emergency kit. |

AROUND THE HOME

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mow your grass and keep your yard tidy from leaves and other debris. | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean your drains, gutters and downpipes. If you're not confident doing it on your own, hire a professional. | <input type="checkbox"/> Fit seals around doors and windows and repair gaps in external walls. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove material that can burn around your home, such as door mats, wood piles and mulch. | <input type="checkbox"/> Consider installing metal fly screen for a more permanent protection for your home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Install and prepare a sturdy hose that is long enough to reach all corners of your property. | |

IN THE HOME

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your home and contents insurance are up to date. | <input type="checkbox"/> Block up areas where embers can enter the house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor weather alerts. Follow authorities' advice, like your state or territory fire service or your local government. | <input type="checkbox"/> Take photos of your property, both inside and out. They could be helpful if you have to make an insurance claim. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consider transporting important documents and irreplaceable items to a safe place ahead of time. | |

CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

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Pack enough drinking water and non-perishable food for three days.

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Pack toiletries and towels.

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Pack your devices and chargers.

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Pack important documents and valuables, including cash.

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Have a first aid kit ready.

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Pack a torch with spare batteries.

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Organise hand sanitiser and face masks.

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Don't forget any medication and scripts.

Leaving early is your safest choice, and your safety should always be your priority. You can start the process of making a claim after the fire.

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