

# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR BUSHFIRES



## REGULARLY **MOW THE LAWN**

Longer grass can spread fire faster so regularly mowing your lawn will help protect your home.





#### CLEAN THE GUTTERS, **DRAINS AND DOWNPIPES**

Dead leaves and twigs burn easily and are a common way houses catch fire during bushfires. Make sure you take the time to properly clean the gutters, drains and downpipes.





### **REGULARLY CHECK** AND UPDATE YOUR FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Make sure that your smoke alarm is working. If it's more than 10 years old, it should be upgraded. Another one to check is your fire extinguisher.





#### **INSTALL A METAL FLY SCREEN**

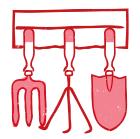
What kind of fly screens do your doors and windows have? It's important to replace plastic fly screens with metal fly screens.





## **KEEP A TIDY BACKYARD**

A cluttered backyard can more easily catch fire. This is why it's essential to move any flammable items indoors.





## **CORRECT SIZE GARDEN HOSE**

Ensure your garden hoses are long enough to reach the boundaries of your property. Frequently water the garden during bushfire season.





## PREPARE AN **EMERGENCY KIT**

Tick off the items you have in your preparation kit.



- Drinking water
- Fire extinguisher
- Canned food
- Fire blanket
- Can opener
- Protective gloves
- Battery powered radio
- Phone charger
- Torch with extra batteries
- \_\_ Cash
- First Aid Kit
- Important family documents (insurance papers, bank accounts, medical records)
- Disinfectant
- Spare clothing
- Whistle
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Make sure your emergency kit is accessible.



## KNOW WHEN TO LEAVE

It's important that you make a plan with your family about when you'll leave, where you will go and the route you'll take to get there.



#### MONITOR **WEATHER ALERTS**

During bushfire season, it's important to monitor weather warnings and take advice from authorities like the SES and your local CFA.

Address of your nearest evacuation point:

What route you'll take to get there:

When you'll leave:

Your local CFA phone number:

