



Wildland Fire Action Checklist

Preseason Preparations

- Display a prominent house number or other identifier
- Make sure that external house timbers have a good coat of paint
- Make sure that fire trucks can access your property safely
- Point LPG gas cylinder relief valves away from the house
- Ensure that flammable items are well away from the house e.g. firewood piles, boxes, garden furniture, rubbish bins, fuel containers, etc.
- If you have a watering system, pumps or generator, make sure they are in working order. Test these Regularly
- Create low fuel areas with driveways, pathways, gravelled areas and lawns close to house
- Keep gas cylinders on the side of the house furthest away from the likely direction of a fire (where the bush is)
- Remove, cut or mow bushes, dead vegetation grass and weeds around sheds, fences and gates
- Make sure your water supply will be sufficient if there is a wildfire. It is advisable to install additional tanks with correct fittings
- Clear any overhanging branches from roof. Maintain a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches
- Make sure sufficient protective clothing is available. Full length (cotton or wool) clothing, including gloves, eye protection, leather work boots and a scarf or flash hood
- Clean gutters and consider a blocking device or plug for gutters. Use a supermarket bag filled with sand or soil
- Have your "GO KIT" ready should evacuation become necessary (To include blankets, water, basic food, first aid kit, medications, passports, IDs and insurance details)
- Consider installing screens or shutters on all windows and doors if residing along the WUI
- If you plan to 'go early' decide on where you will stay (e.g. friends, relatives away from the fire area)
- Protect under floor spaces with non-combustible sheeting or mesh as ember protection screens
- Check that your home and contents insurance cover is adequate. Take into consideration renovations, fixtures and additions such as sheds, gazebos, luxury fittings or new appliances.

"GO KIT" contents: non-perishable food and water; map marked with at least two evacuation routes; prescriptions or special medications; change of clothing; extra eyeglasses or contact lenses; an extra set of car keys, credit cards and cash; first aid kit; flashlight; extra batteries; sanitation supplies; copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.); pet food and water; personal computer information on hard drives; chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.; family photos and other irreplaceable items; and easily carried valuables.



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Preseason Preparations cont.

- Sufficient lengths of hose for water pumps to reach all buildings that could be threatened
- Sufficient wildland fire hand tools e.g. fire beaters, rake hoes, knapsack sprayers, etc.
- External and internal ladders
- Buckets and alternative water supplies
- Spades, rakes and wet towels or other heavy material that can be used to put out small fires
- Fire extinguishers (for internal fires only)
- Water bottles or containers to easily carry drinking water with you
- Protect under floor spaces with non-combustible sheeting or mesh as ember protection screens
- First aid kit

High Fire Danger Days

- Check the Fire Danger Index on a daily basis
- Drink lots of water
- Remove door mats and garden/patio furniture cushions
- If on small holding or a farm, move livestock to fully grazed areas
- Check:
 - petrol pumps;
 - skid units;
 - hoses;
 - sprinkler system;
 - protective clothing kits;
 - firefighting equipment; and
 - communication devices.



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Wildfire in the area

Go early if this is your plan

- Remember to take your "GO KIT"
- Keep family and neighbours aware of your movements

Stay and defend your property

- Put on protective clothing
- Drink lots of water
- Move any livestock to fully grazed areas
- Move car/s to a safe location facing a suitable direction to exit
- Remove garden furniture, doormats and other items
- Close windows and doors and shut blinds
- Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows

Stay and defend your property cont.

- Seal all gaps under doors and screens
- Bring pets inside and restrain them (leash, cage, or secure room) and provide water
- Block down-pipes (at the top) and fill gutters with water if possible
- Wet down the sides of buildings and wooden decks and close shrubbery in the likely path of the wildfire
- Move car/s to a safe location facing a suitable direction to exit
- Wet down fine fuels in close proximity to buildings
- Turn on sprinklers in garden for 30 minutes before wildfire arrives
- Fill containers with water – bath, sinks, buckets, wheel barrows, etc.
- Have ladders ready for roof space access (inside) and against roof (outside)
- Have your petrol pump and/or skid unit ready
- Check and patrol outside for embers



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What to expect during a wildfire

- Heat and Wind
- Lots of smoke and noise (fire, sirens, aircraft)
- Loss of power
- Partial or total loss of water pressure
- Loss of phone line
- Fire trucks and personnel on the road
- Aircraft overhead
- Local authorities may issue evacuation orders, please comply accordingly

Fire front arrives

- Disconnect hose and fittings and bring inside
- Go inside for shelter
- Drink lots of water
- Check and patrol for embers inside, particularly in the roof space
- Check family and pets

After the fire front passes

- Wear protective clothing
- Only go outside once it is safe
- Continue drinking lots of water
- Check for spot fires, hot spots and embers
- Check the following:
 - Inside the roof space;
 - Under the floor boards;
 - Under house spaces;
 - On timber window ledges and door sills;
 - Roof lines and gutters;
 - Outdoor furniture;
 - Firewood piles; and
 - Sheds and carports.