

GOT 15 MINUTES TO BURN?

Creating a bushfire plan takes just 15 minutes and is the best way to keep your household safe.

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A bushfire plan can help keep you and your family safe in an emergency. A bushfire plan is a guide made ahead of time to help your decision making in an emergency. Even if you plan to leave early in the event of a bushfire a plan is important so each member of the family understands what actions you will take and when.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has a number of resources available to help you create a bushfire plan for your family including a website and app called [My Bushfire Plan](#). My Bushfire Plan is a bushfire preparedness tool, providing you with one place to prepare, store, print, share and update your bushfire plan anytime, from any device.

My Bushfire Plan guides you through the questions you will need to consider when preparing your plan.

It goes much further than simply 'Will you leave early or stay and defend?'. The guide helps you consider things you may not have thought of:

- What will you do with your pets and livestock in an emergency?
- How many exit routes do you have from your property?
- Where will you go if you need to evacuate for an extended time?
- Do your children know what to do if there is a watch and act, or emergency warning called for your area?
- What will you do if your family is not in the same place?
- Do you have an emergency kit if you have to shelter in place?
- If you plan to stay and defend do you have all the firefighting equipment necessary?
- Can you survive for five days if you are cut off due to fire?

A bushfire plan is not only an important tool, it is an important conversation. Create a bushfire survival plan in 15 minutes or less.

Prepare for a bushfire now and protect what matters most.

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An important message from the Fire Control Officer, Mark Fisher Yallingup Rural Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BURN PILE.

Over the last month our volunteer bushfire brigades have been called to a number of bushfires that have started as a result of burns, undertaken in the unrestricted period, re-starting - some up to 6 weeks later.

If you have undertaken any burns over the last couple of months, PLEASE check them to ensure they are fully extinguished. If you are in any doubt, douse them with water.

After a hot burn, like a pile burn, stumps and logs can continue to burn from the inside for months if they are not fully extinguished.

Prepare your emergency kit

When a bushfire is likely to impact your home, staying to defend it or preparing to shelter in place is extremely dangerous. An emergency kit contains items to help keep you safe.

Emergency Evacuation Kit

This kit should include the essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe while you evacuate and until it's safe to return. This kit can be used for all types of disasters, not just bushfires.

Emergency evacuation kit:

- Important/legal documents.
- Valuable items (photos, jewellery, medals, etc).
- Clothing for everyone.
- First aid kit.
- Drinking water and food for the trip.
- Personal hygiene items.



Items to grab when leaving:

- Wallet/ purse.
- Medications/ life support equipment.
- Phone, laptop and chargers.
- House and car keys.
- Pet supplies (food, bowl, cage, leash, etc).

Preparing your emergency evacuation kit.

Staying in Place Emergency Kit

If you plan to stay and defend, you need a high-level understanding of bushfire behaviour, be well prepared and know your back up plans. You also need supplies of power and water and personal protective equipment and clothing.

Emergency kit list:

- Supplies to last at least five days, including for pets (food, drinking water, medications, etc).
- First aid and trauma kit.
- Important/legal documents and valuables.
- Waterproof torch and battery powered lights.
- Battery operated AM/FM radio.
- Emergency contact numbers.
- Head protection and goggles.
- Smoke and particle masks.
- Non-flammable blankets.
- Bushfire protective clothing (heavy duty non-flammable coats, gloves, pants, shoes).

Firefighting equipment needed to stay and defend.

BUSHFIRE WARNING SYSTEM

	EMERGENCY WARNING An out of control fire is approaching fast and you need to take immediate action to survive. If you haven't prepared your home it is too late. You must seek shelter or leave now if it is safe to do so.
	WATCH AND ACT A fire is approaching and there is a possible threat to lives or homes. Put your plan into action. If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. If your plan is to stay, check all your equipment is ready. Only stay and defend if you are mentally and physically prepared.
	ADVICE A fire has started but there is no immediate danger. Stay alert and watch for signs of a fire. Be aware and keep up to date.

Where can I get information during an emergency?
 @emergency.wa.gov.au 13 DFES (13 33 37)
 @dfeswa @dfes_wa Local ABC Radio

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS

Moderate: Plan and prepare.
Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

High: Be ready to act.
Fires can be dangerous. Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property.
Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.
These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions.

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to **'No Rating'**. On these days you still need to remain alert and abide by local seasonal laws and regulations.

Monitor conditions and emergency.wa.gov.au for ratings and bushfire warnings. If a fire starts near you, take action immediately to protect your life. Do not wait for a warning.

Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. Create or review your bushfire plan at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au

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ALERTS AND WARNINGS

KNOW YOUR BUSHFIRE RISK