



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



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA



DFES
Department of Fire &
Emergency Services

HOW DO I KEEP INFORMED?



FIRES CAN HAPPEN SUDDENLY AND CHANGE QUICKLY, SO DON'T RELY ON RECEIVING A WARNING. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert. Be flexible – get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source



STAY CONNECTED

Connected communities are safer communities.

Join a Bushfire Ready Group to get to know the risk in your local area.

Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk day.

Talk to your local brigade about how to prepare for a bushfire.



STAY ALERT

If you can see or smell a bushfire – that's your warning.

Your surroundings could be the best source of information.

If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe.



KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company.

Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.



MONITOR OFFICIAL WARNINGS

During an emergency monitor what's happening. You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:

Emergency WA
emergency.wa.gov.au

DFES Public Information
13 DFES (13 3337)

DFES Facebook
facebook.com/dfeswa

ABC Radio or 6PR
Your local radio frequency

RSS feeds
Subscribe via
emergency.wa.gov.au

For more information visit
dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire

or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
or **9395 9816**



PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY



FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FIRES ON THE FRONTLINE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY.

To reduce the spread of fire and provide some shelter,



PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations monthly during fire season.

- Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less.
- Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- Ensure gas cylinders are chained/secured upright.
- Check gas release valves face away from property.
- Clean gutters.



RURAL PROTECTION

Complete these preparations if you own a rural property.

- Make sure fire trucks can access and turn around on your property.
- Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- Store petrol and gas safely.
- Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- If a fire threatens, move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- Check generator and pumps are working.



LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations annually.

- Keep gas cylinders away from likely direction of fire (i.e. where bush is) and turn release valves outwards.
- Remove shrubs, wood, mulch or any flammable material, against or near the house.
- Block any gaps under floor, in the roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.
- Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows, vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioner.
- Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property.
- Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence.

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