

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Our volunteer fire fighters having been preparing for this coming fire season; conducting prescribed burning and undergoing extensive training – *How prepared are you?*

Bushfires happen every summer. They can start suddenly and without warning. People have been killed or seriously injured, and homes destroyed during bushfires; the chances of a bushfire occurring increases as the season progresses.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you live in bush or near scrub, you should prepare your property and have a bushfire survival plan and emergency kit ready.

A **Building Protection Zone (BPZ)** is an area extending for 20 metres around a building where there is reduced flammable material. This means there is less material that can ignite, improving the chances that your home may survive a bushfire.



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Things to consider when preparing your property:

Starve the Fire

Clear around your home so that embers are less likely to start a fire when they hit the ground. This will also help reduce the damage caused by fire.

Make a Safety Zone

Create and maintain a Building Protection Zone and a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches.



Fill the Gaps

Houses usually catch fire when embers get into the roof space, a wall cavity, onto ledges or under the house. Prevent sparks from entering your house by blocking all the gaps.

Fix the Traps

Do not pile wood against or near a house. Remove any timber, rubbish and old junk lying around.

For additional information and resources:

- Visit the DFES website. www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- DFES' Prepare. Act. Survive.
- For more information please contact DFES Community Engagement on 9395 9816