

# The Go-To Bushfire Checklist

Bushfires can cause severe damage to your property when you're not prepared. So, to help prepare for this summer season, we've provided you with these tips and tricks to help protect your home.

## Before a bushfire

- Pack a survival kit.
- Regularly clean leaves from gutters.
- Fit quality metal leaf gutter guards.
- Installing fine metal wire mesh along your roof vents may protect your home from floating embers entering your roof cavity.
- Keep woodpiles and other flammable materials covered and well away from your home.
- Keep your lawn short and backyard tidy, free from any flammable material.
- Consider purchasing a portable pump to use for your water tank or swimming pool.

## In case of evacuation

- Turn off your gas and power.
- Close all doors and windows and block gaps with wet towels.
- Move any flammable curtains or furniture away from your windows.

## During a bushfire

- Wear protective clothing such as enclosed shoes, wool or cotton, full-length outfits, hat and gloves.
- Ensure your family (including pets) consume enough water to prevent dehydration.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Keep your radio on to listen to regular safety alerts from SES or State Government on recommended best actions to carry out during the event.
- Immediately notify the fire brigade by ringing 000.
- Have eye and breathing protection.

### Survival kit should include:

- Portable battery radio, torch, and spare batteries.
- Water, dried or canned food for 3 days, and a can opener.
- Fuel or battery-powered lantern, matches, portable stove, cooking gear, eating utensils.
- Cash for supplies.
- First aid kit with manual.



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