

Start preparing your home for bushfires

Why not pick a task to tick off every weekend?

Get your kids involved where safe to do so, to help them understand fire risk.

Basic tasks include:

- ✓ Clean out your gutters, removing any leaves and twigs
- ✓ Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- ✓ Prune shrubs and cut back trees that hang over buildings
- ✓ Clean up fallen leaves, dead vegetation, twigs and debris around the property
- ✓ Clear or reduce vegetation such as long grass within 20 metres of your home, or within 5 metres of sheds or garages
- ✓ Ember-proof your home by sealing gaps and areas under your home, verandahs or balconies, repair any loose tiles or gaps in your roof, and cover windows and vents with fine wire mesh
- ✓ Ensure all entry points to your property are wide and high enough to fit a firetruck

If you and your family have the means, consider:

- ✓ Installing metal gutter guards
- ✓ Attaching a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- ✓ Ensuring hoses are long enough to reach around your house
- ✓ Planting gardens that with low flammability
- ✓ Installing shutters over windows and window frames
- ✓ Installing metal screens over all doors

