

# Rain, hail or shine!

## My handy bushfire preparation checklist

Severe weather can strike at any time and preparation is key to limiting damage. As supporters of the good work done by the state emergency services, we want to guide you with keeping yourself and the things you love safe in the event of a bushfire - because what you do now can make a big difference.

Check out our tips below to get prepared.

Remember - in severe weather, some damage to your property can happen no matter how well you've prepared - make sure you're **adequately insured**.

### 1. Before the bushfire

- Check your bushfire risk. You don't have to live right near the bush to be at risk.
- Prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan (BSP). You can do this [here](#).
- Decide now if you will prepare to stay or leave your property.
- Share your BSP with your family and friends
- Practice your BSP regularly.
- Ensure access to your property is easy for fire vehicles.
- Remove materials that can help fuel a fire (e.g. long dry grass, dead leaves, branches or debris around your home).
- Check that pumps, generators and water systems are working correctly

### 2. When a severe weather warning is issued

- Refer back to your BSP.
- If you are going to **prepare to leave** make sure you notify your family and friends that you are leaving and where you are going.
- If you are going to **prepare to stay**, follow the plans you have made in your BSP and notify your family and friends that you are staying.

#### If you have left early

**Don't return to your home until you are advised it is safe to do so.**

**Remember to look out for dangers as you return home including:**

- Emergency Crews working around the area.
- Animals not behaving normally.
- Trees that may have been weakened by the fire and can fall at any time.
- Power lines that have come down or may fall.
- Water and other infrastructure that may not be working.

#### If you have stayed

**As the fire passes.**

- Stay inside your home until the fire has passed.
  - Keep hydrated.
  - Check around your home for possible embers.
  - Check on everyone in your home and make sure they are ok
- Once it has passed. » Check around the outside of your house for spot fires. » Drink plenty of water. » Stay at your home until it is safe. » Stay tuned in for bushfire warnings and messages.

For more information on insurance products provided by our insurance partner CGU insurance [visit here](#).

This page provides general advice that has been sourced from emergency services. For up-to-date and specific advice relating to the risks in your area please speak to your local council or emergency services.

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