

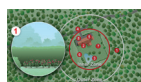
Bushfire-Ready Property Checklist for householders



In most bushfire conditions in Tasmania, a well-prepared property will increase the likelihood of successfully defending your property. Even if you plan to leave early, a well-prepared property is more likely to survive without being actively defended, or it will make it easier for firefighters to protect your property, if firefighters are available to protect your property. If there is no time to leave safely, a well-prepared property will provide better shelter than an unprepared property.

For more information and for help with completing your checklist:

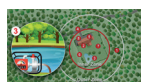
- Bushfire-Ready Property videos and resources: www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/bushfire-ready-property
- Bushfire Survival Plan booklet: www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/prepare-bushfire-survival-plan
- Building for Bushfire resources: www.fire.tas.gov.au/BuildForBushfireResources



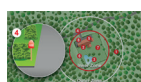
Defendable Space – an area around your home where vegetation is managed to reduce the intensity of a bushfire. Defendable space can reduce the amount of direct flame contact and radiant heat affecting your home.



Vegetation management – reducing the amount of flammable materials (e.g. leaf litter, bark) and cutting back trees and shrubs to reduce the intensity of an approaching bushfire.



Water supply – a reliable water supply is a critical part of defending your property. Even if you plan to leave early, it is important to think about water supply in case things change and you cannot leave and need to actively defend your property.



Access – if your house is set back from the road, can a fire truck enter and turn around if it needs to respond to a bushfire.



Building improvements – your house and any adjoining structures need to be well constructed to deal with the impact of bushfire, including having openings sealed to prevent embers entering.



Maintenance activities – like cleaning gutters, removing leaf litter, and testing firefighting equipment, can help to keep you bushfire-ready.



Personal capacity – consider the physical and psychological risks of staying and defending your property – it will be hot, scary, tiring, hard to see and breath, and extremely hard work.



Potential hazards – if you plan to stay and defend be aware of potential hazards like electricity supply, LPG, firewood storage that could impact your personal safety.

	Helps to protect your house from			Critical to actively defend your property
	Direct flames	Radiant heat	Ember attack	
Defendable space	✓	✓		✓
Vegetation management	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Supply			✓	✓
Access				✓
Building improvements		✓	✓	✓
Maintenance activities	✓	✓	✓	✓
Personal capacity				✓
Potential hazards				✓



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Defendable Space

- Have you removed flammable materials from on, under and around the house? YES NO
- Have you pruned lower branches on trees and remove flammable shrubs? YES NO
- Have you removed any buildup of leaves, bark and other bush litter? YES NO

Vegetation management

- Have you replaced highly flammable plants with low-flammability plants? YES NO
- Have you used non-flammable mulch close to your house and buildings? YES NO
- Have you removed plants from against the walls of your house and buildings? YES NO

Water Supply

- Do you have water for firefighting (e.g. a steel or concrete 10,000 litre tank)? YES NO
- Does the tank have a Storz 65mm adaptor/coupling? YES NO
- Do you have a petrol or diesel water pump? And spare fuel? YES NO
- Are water pipes and fittings metal? Buried underground (plastic) or YES NO
- If water pipes and fittings are plastic, are they buried underground? YES NO

Access

- Is your street number clearly visible? YES NO
- Is a fire truck able to enter your property and turn around? YES NO
- Is your driveway at least 4m wide? YES NO
- Is your driveway clear to a height of 4m? YES NO

Building improvements

- Have you sealed gaps (more than 2mm) around house and other buildings? YES NO
- Roof, Windows, Doors, Vents YES NO
 - Under the house, deck etc YES NO
- Have you installed valves on your downpipes? YES NO

Maintenance activities

- Have gutters been cleaned? YES NO
- Have you tested your firefighting equipment? YES NO
- Have you cleaned up leaf litter, long grass, pruned dead branches etc? YES NO
- Have flammable materials been moved away from the house and buildings? YES NO

Personal capacity

- Are you physically and emotionally prepared to defend your property? YES NO
- Have you prepared appropriate clothing for defending your property? YES NO
- Have you prepared a bushfire survival kit? YES NO
- Do you have drinking water and food available? YES NO

Potential Hazards

- Are LPG bottles away from vegetation? Can they be moved away from buildings? YES NO
- Have you stored firewood away from your house and buildings? YES NO
- Will pets and livestock be safe and not pose a threat to firefighters? YES NO

