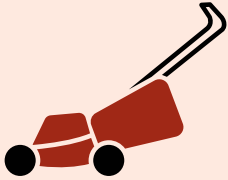


# Preparing your home for bushfire season

Here are some things you can do to prepare for bushfires and help firefighters to defend your home.



## Action 1: Trim, mow and clear

It is important to trim, mow and clear to prevent fire from spreading to your home.

### Trim

- Trees
- Hedges
- Bushes

### Mow

- Your lawn

### Clear

- Grass cuttings
  - Branches
  - Sticks
  - Leaves
- Dry grass and plants can easily catch on fire. Don't forget to check gutters and awnings for plant material to clear.



## Action 2: Remove flammable materials

Remove outdoor items that could catch on fire. These include:

- Door mats
- Wood piles
- Mulch
- Paint
- Petrol
- Outdoor furniture
- BBQ gas bottles



## Action 3: Have access to a hose

Make sure you have a good quality garden hose that is big enough to reach around your home or have a hose at both the front and back of your house. During bushfire season make sure this is ready to go and attached to a reliable water source.



## Action 4: Prepare your home in the long term

If you want to protect your home from fire danger in the long term, it might be worth investing in more permanent protection for your home. Consider:

- Installing metal fly screens on all windows and vents
- Installing metal gutter guards
- Replacing wooden fences with metal fences
- Using stones instead of mulch in your garden