

Bush Fire Safety

If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start, you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.

The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.

When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.

If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early in the day or hours before a fire threatens.

Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Prepare your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Things to do around the house and garden

- ✓ Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- ✓ Cut back trees and shrubs that are overhanging buildings
- ✓ Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris from gutters and around the property
- ✓ Have hoses long enough to reach around your house



Fire Danger Ratings



CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leaving early is the only option.

Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day, do not just wait and see what happens.

Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return.

Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.

EXTREME

If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving early is the safest option for your survival.

Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level such as your home is specially designed or constructed and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.

SEVERE

Leaving early is the safest option for your survival.

Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety - but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.

VERY HIGH HIGH LOW-MODERATE

Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family.

Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions but be ready to act if necessary.