



## Checklist – is your property prepared against bushfires and grass fires?

- Clear ground fuels around the house (long, dry grass, dead leaves and branches, thick undergrowth).
- Reduce fire fuels – take a trip to the tip.
- Plant a combination of fire resistant plants on your property.
- Clear gutters.
- Ember-proof house and sheds.
- Join the Static Water Supply (SWS) Marking System.
- Ensure roofing is firmly fixed.
- Prepare firebreaks (a well watered lawn can act as a firebreak).
- Keep pasture growth down.
- Install screens or shutters and enclose under-floor areas if possible.
- Screen vents into the roof space with fine wire mesh.
- Remove flammable items from around the house, e.g. door mats, woodpile, and obvious flammable materials such as paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets, wooden garden furniture, etc.
- Vent LPG gas tanks away from the house.
- Compile emergency phone list and leave near phone.

Print out this checklist and keep handy at all times. For more information on bushfire safety and home fire safety, visit the Rural Fire Service website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or call the RFS Education Line on 1 800 654 443 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm).