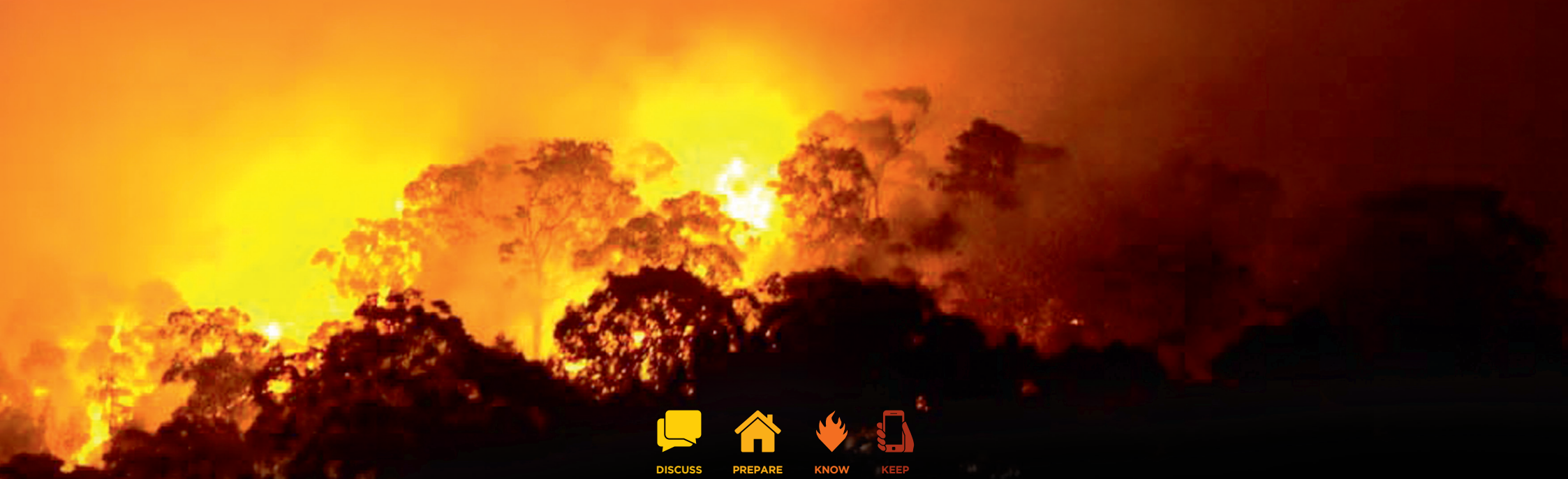


GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE
FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your home.

LIVE BUSH FIRE READY
PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

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STEP 1: DISCUSS
WHAT WILL YOU DO IN A BUSH FIRE? PLAN NOW.

Get the whole household together and discuss your plan.
This fold out takes you step-by-step through the process.

LEAVING EARLY

All Allambi Care Placements must leave early.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

LEAVE EARLY, YOUR SAFEST CHOICE.

When will we leave?

What will be your sign to leave? It could be smoke in your area, or as soon as you find out there's a fire near you.

Where will we go?

Where's a meeting place that's safe and away from a fire area? It might be a friend or relative's place, or even a shopping centre.

Allambi Care Head Office

How will we get there?

What road will you take? What's your backup plan in case the road is blocked?

What will we take?

Make a list of what you'll take in the event of a fire. Remember to include pets, identification and irreplaceable items like photos or documents.

Who will we call to tell that we're leaving and that we have arrived safely?

Who will we call to let them know we're leaving and that we've got there safely?

What is our backup plan?

What if things don't go to plan? Identify a safer location nearby such as a neighbour's home that is well prepared, or a place of last resort. Is there a Neighbourhood Safer Place nearby?

Neighbourhood Safe Places are a place of last resort, such as a sports ground or local building that has been specially identified for use during a fire.

Not all areas will have a Neighbourhood Safer Place so check **www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/nsp** for locations.

We have discussed and agreed with the entire household to leave early	**Signed: (House Manager/Casework Manager)**	_____	_____
		_____	_____



STEP 2: PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET READY
THE TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

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Here are five simple things you can do before and during the bush fire season.



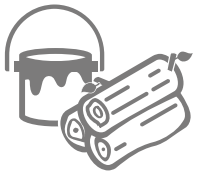
1. TRIM

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. MOW

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. REMOVE

Remove material that can burn around your home (e.g. Door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture).



4. CLEAR

Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home. Burning embers can set your home on fire.



5. PREPARE

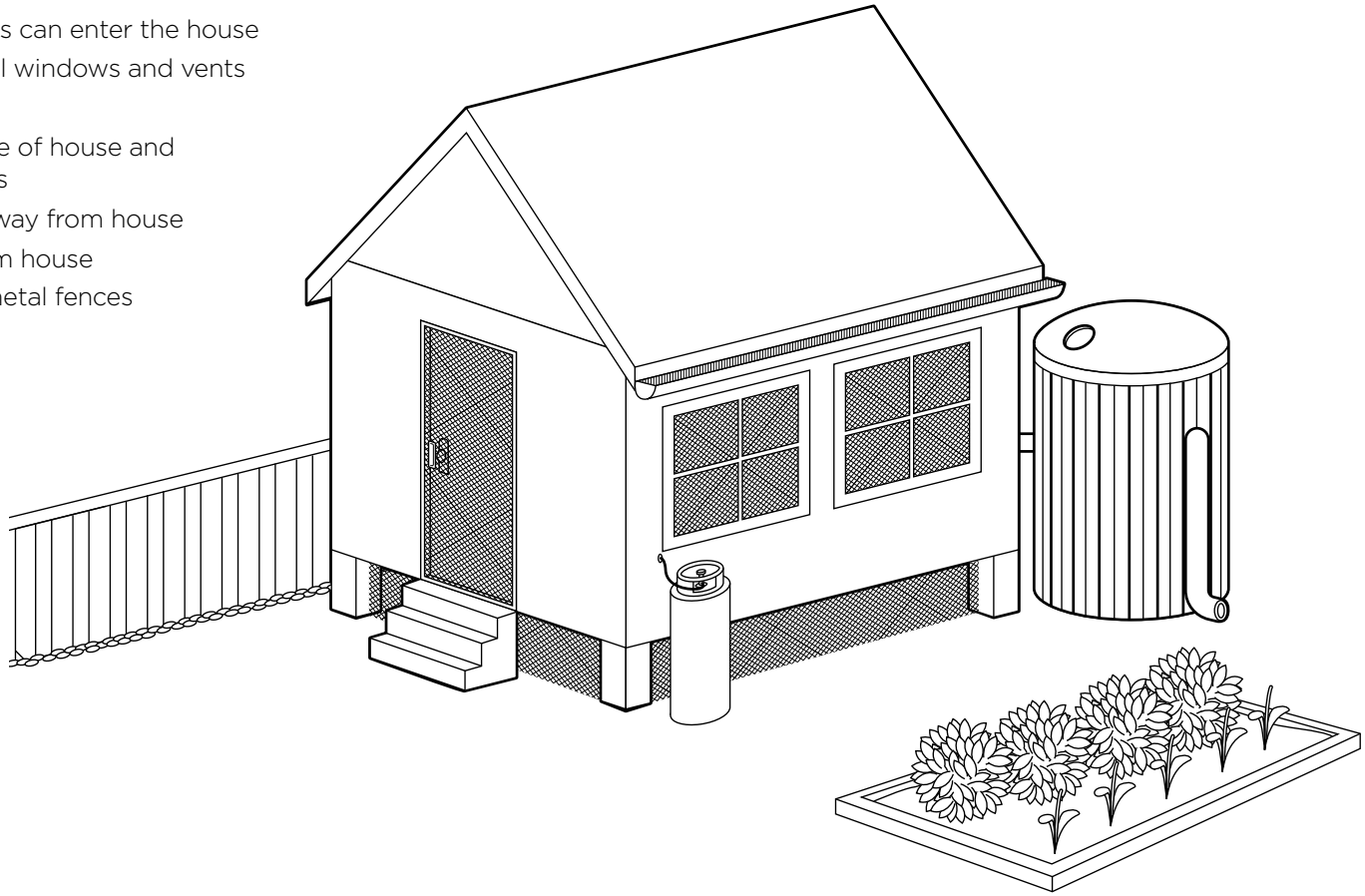
Prepare a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Make sure you've got a reliable source of water.

Join others in your neighbourhood in completing these Top 5 Actions to protect your home.

MORE PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR HOME

☑ **Tick as you complete**

- [ ] Block up areas where embers can enter the house
- [ ] Install metal fly screens on all windows and vents
- [ ] Install metal gutter guards
- [ ] Position gas cylinders on side of house and away from trees and gardens
- [ ] Direct any pressure valves away from house
- [ ] Move garden beds away from house
- [ ] Replace wood fences with metal fences
- [ ] Use stones instead of mulch

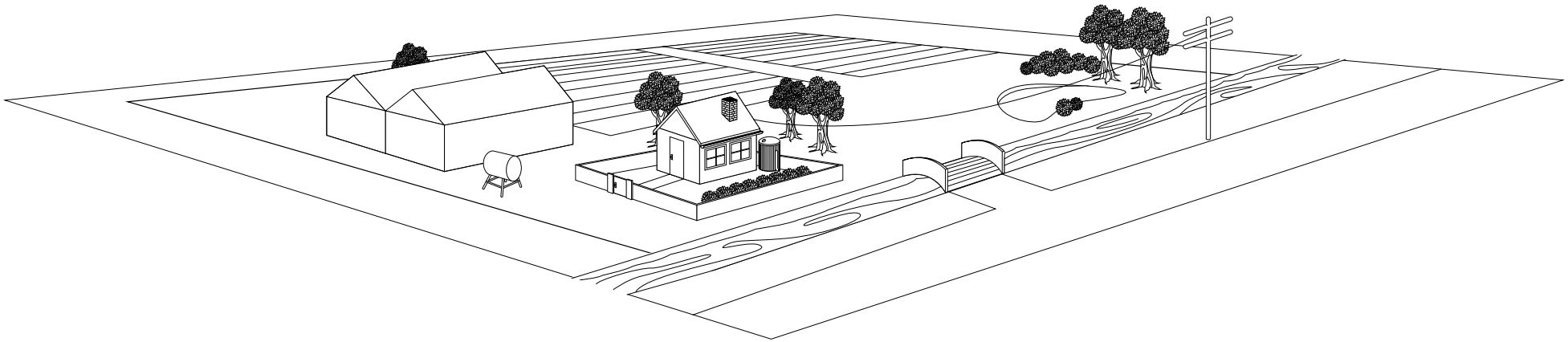


If you **live on a rural property** there are additional tasks to prepare your home on the next page.
If you don't live on a rural property turn to Step 3 so you can learn the bush fire alert levels.

PREPARE YOUR RURAL PROPERTY

☑ **Tick as you complete**

[ ] Remove overhanging branches from power lines
[ ] Ensure that a fire tanker can access your property
[ ] Clear fire breaks along paddock boundaries
[ ] Store petrol, diesel and gas away from home
[ ] Keep a well-maintained area around the home and sheds
[ ] Place water pipes from dams underground and install pump to the house
[ ] Make sure hoses have spray nozzles
[ ] Keep water tanks full and connect them to pumps



A cleared area around your home can slow a fire spreading and give firefighters a safe area to work.

STEP 3: KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

WHEN A FIRE OCCURS

There are some simple things you can do around your property to prepare it against the risk of fire.

You need to prepare well beforehand as leaving it to the last minute is too late.



ADVICE

A fire has started.
There is no immediate danger.
Stay up to date in case
the situation changes.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat.
Conditions are changing and you need
to start taking action to protect you and
your family.



EMERGENCY WARNING

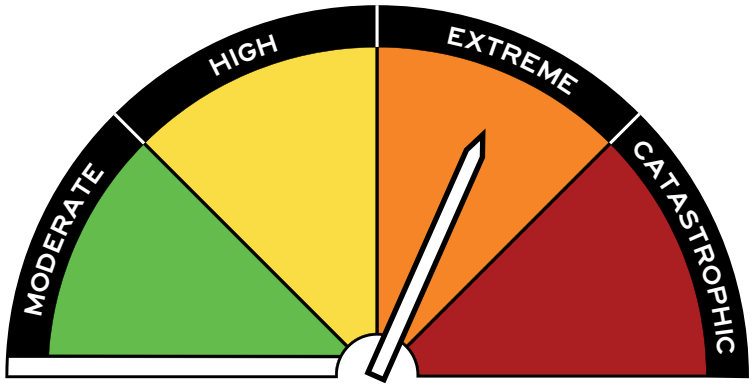
An Emergency Warning is the highest
level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be
in danger and need to take action
immediately. Any delay now puts
your life at risk.

STEP 3: KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Your safety and survival may depend on the decision you make, even before there is a fire. Monitor the Fire Danger Ratings daily at **www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr**.

The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous a fire is likely to be.



RATINGS AND WHAT TO DO

MODERATE — PLAN AND PREPARE

At **MODERATE**, most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare and be ready to act if there is a fire.

HIGH — BE READY TO ACT

At **HIGH**, be ready to act. Fires can be dangerous, so be alert for fires in your area.

EXTREME — TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY

At **EXTREME**, fires will spread quickly and become extremely dangerous. If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.

CATASTROPHIC — FOR YOUR SURVIVAL, LEAVE BUSH FIRE RISK AREAS

Under **CATASTROPHIC** conditions, if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas.

NO RATING – The white bar is used on days when there is no fire danger, and means no action is required.

STEP 4: KEEP KEY INFORMATION

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area. The NSW Rural Fire Service strongly advises saving these numbers, links and apps now.



In an emergency call
Triple Zero (000)

For information on bush fire,
call the Bush Fire Information Line
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)



NSW Rural Fire
Service Website:
rfs.nsw.gov.au

Fire Danger Ratings:
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'Fires Near Me'
Free smartphone app.



Local radio,
local ABC/emergency
broadcaster frequency,
TV, newspapers



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During a bush fire, you could lose power and telecommunications.
Do not rely on just one source of information.



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It's a fact. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bush fire. Join with everyone else in ensuring that your home and family are protected by following the Four Simple Steps to getting ready for a bush fire.

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