

# MY BUSHFIRE PLAN

## BUSHFIRE WHY RISK IT?

Making a choice to leave or stay when a bushfire threatens is too late.

You and your loved ones' safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make. TFS recommends having a Bushfire Plan and sharing it with household members, neighbours and friends. Don't wait, create your Bushfire Plan now.

For more information on bushfire planning, visit [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au)

### STEP 1: My details

Your Bushfire Plan outlines what actions each member of your family/household will take on bushfire risk days and if bushfire threatens. Having phone numbers and details of key contacts is an essential first step of any bushfire planning.

Name

Date

Suburb

Postcode

Email address

Phone number

### Included in the Bushfire Plan

Your Bushfire Plan should include each member of your family/household who may be impacted on bushfire risk days and if bushfire threatens.

Name	Phone Number	Pets (name and type)



Call triple zero - 000 - in an emergency.  
Ask for Fire, Police or Ambulance. Stay calm,  
don't shout, speak slowly and clearly.



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### Essential phone numbers

Use this section for other essential contacts not listed on the plan such as doctor, insurance company etc.

Contact	Phone Number

### Important phone numbers

Fire or Emergency	000
Tasmania Police (Non emergency)	131 444
Tasmania Fire Service (Non emergency)	1800 000 699
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500



### Tune in to warnings

Don't assume you'll receive a warning as a bushfire approaches and don't assume a fire crew will be available to assist every home. It's up to you to monitor conditions, know what the Fire Danger Rating is each day and to tune in to local media including radio, social media and websites.

- **Tasmania Fire Service Website** - [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au)
- **Bushfires map** - [fire.tas.gov.au/map](http://fire.tas.gov.au/map)
- **TasAlert** - [tasalert.com](http://tasalert.com)
- **ABC news** - [abc.net.au/news](http://abc.net.au/news)
- **ABC TV** - [abc.net.au/tv](http://abc.net.au/tv)

### ABC Radio Station

For warnings and alerts tune into your local ABC as the emergency broadcaster.

#### Southern

- Hobart 936 AM  
DAB ABC Radio Hobart
- Maydena 936 AM / 89.7 FM

#### East Coast

- Bicheno 89.7 FM
- Fingal 1161 AM
- Orford: 90.5 FM
- St Helens 1584 AM
- Swansea 106.1 FM
- St Marys 102.7 FM

#### North/North East

- Flinders Island 91.7 FM
- Launceston 91.7 FM
- NE Tasmania 91.7 FM
- Weldborough 97.3 FM

#### North West

- Burnie 102.5 FM
- Devonport 100.5 FM
- King Island 88.5 FM
- Lileah 91.3 FM

#### West Coast

- Queenstown / Zeehan 90.5 FM
- Rosebery 106.3 FM
- Savage River / Waratah 104.1 FM
- Strahan 107.5 FM
- Waratah 103.3 FM



You can also tune in to your local radio station anywhere on the free **ABC listen** app.

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## STEP 2: My plan to leave

Tasmania Fire Service recommends that you plan to leave early on days with a Fire Danger Rating forecast of Extreme or Catastrophic.

### My Triggers

These are the signs that will help you decide that it is time to leave early.

- Weather conditions - Hot, windy and dry
- Fire Danger Rating
- Safe to leave - time to exit safely

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the triggers above.**

### Other triggers

### Where will I go?

On bushfire risk days, your safest option is to visit friends, family or sites away from fire areas. It's a good idea to list some alternatives.

### Who to tell

Key people you need to inform that you are leaving your property, where you are going and how you are getting there.

Contact	Phone Number

### What will we take?

- Mobile phone/charger
- Emergency Kit (fact sheet available on the [bushfire.tas.gov.au](http://bushfire.tas.gov.au) home page)
- Water
- Medications (and prescriptions)
- Important documents (passports, banking, insurance etc.)
- External hard drive (scanned documents/photos)
- Laptop and/or tablet
- Personal treasures

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the items above.**

### Other items

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### My plan for pets and livestock

If you have any pets or animals, note down here what you will do with them.

For more information, visit [dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-welfare/animals-and-bushfire](http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-welfare/animals-and-bushfire)

## STEP 3: My plan to stay & defend

Only stay and defend on days of elevated bushfire danger if you are well prepared and your home is properly constructed and prepared to the highest level. Tasmania Fire Service always recommends that leaving early is the safest option.

### Before the bushfire season

#### I will:

- Create a defensible, clear space around my house
- Ember proof my home
- Clear leaves from roof gutters, decks and lawns
- Have a water supply for firefighting (minimum of 10,000 litres is recommended)
- Provide access for firefighters to my property
- Have the appropriate firefighting equipment and have tested it
- Have appropriate non flammable clothing to protect my skin

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the actions above.**

#### Other actions



### Leaving early is always the safest option

Most people who die in bushfires are caught in the open, either in their car or on foot, because they've left their property too late when the fire is approaching. Staying to defend a well-prepared property during a bushfire always carries the risk of injury or death.

If you are unsure about your preparedness to defend your property, you should always leave early.



### Does your area have a Community Protection Plan?

Community Protection Plans include a map of the area with roads in and out, local radio frequencies for bushfire alerts and locations of nearby safer places where they exist.

**Completed plans are available at [fire.tas.gov.au/ProtectionPlans](http://fire.tas.gov.au/ProtectionPlans) or freecall 1800 000 699**

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## STEP 3: My plan to stay and defend

### Before the bushfire arrives

#### Outside my home, I will:

- Check property for spot fires to extinguish
- Plug drains and fill gutters with water
- Remove flammable material, outdoor furniture, doormats and hanging baskets
- Start pump for fire hose and/or roof sprinklers
- Wet down all areas on the side of the house facing the direction of the fire

#### Other actions

#### Inside my home, I will:

- Bring pets inside
- Dress in non flammable, skin covering clothing
- Fill bath, sinks and buckets etc with water
- Place wet towels in any crevices, such as gaps under doors etc
- Shut all doors and windows
- Take curtains down and push furniture away from windows
- Bring ladder and torch inside

#### Other actions

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the actions above.**

### When the bushfire arrives

#### I will:

- Have buckets, hoses, mops and tap fittings etc. inside
- Check ceiling cavity
- Drink plenty of water
- Shelter inside but continually check your surroundings for any signs of fire
- Extinguish fires in and near the home
- Reassure family and pets

#### Other actions

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the actions above.**

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## STEP 3: My plan to stay and defend

### After the bushfire arrives

#### I will:

- Continue drinking plenty of water
- Return outside when safe to do so
- Let family and neighbours know we're okay
- Check my property for fire over the coming days

#### Other actions

**NOTE: Tasmania Fire Service recommends you tick all of the actions above.**

## Everyone must have a backup plan

Even the best plans can fail. Remember, leaving late can lead to death or serious injury. You must know a number of places of last resort in your area including Nearby Safer Places that you can relocate to at very short notice if all else fails.

**Nearby Safer Places** If my plan to stay doesn't work out, these are my places of last resort:



### Every year circumstances change

Tasmania Fire Service encourages you to review and update your Bushfire Plan before the bushfire season starts.



### SCAN TO PLAN ONLINE

Use your phone camera or a QR code scanner to scan the code and start your Bushfire Plan now!

Visit  
**fire.tas.gov.au**



Phone  
**1800 000 699**



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