

BUSHFIRE READINESS CHECKLIST

A calm, clear plan helps you stay safe when things heat up. Use this checklist to prepare your home and household for bushfire season. You don't need to do everything at once — small, steady steps make a big difference.

INSIDE THE HOME

- ☐ **Clear** hallways and exits.
- ☐ **Store** flammable items away from cooking areas and power points.
- ☐ Keep paper, cardboard, and fabrics away from candles or heaters (in winter).
- ☐ **Check smoke alarms and replace batteries if needed.**

💡 **Bonus Points:** Take one small action today — even five minutes makes your home safer.

OUTSIDE THE HOME

- ☐ **Clear** gutters and remove dry leaves.
- ☐ **Move** flammable items like wood piles or cardboard boxes away from the house.
- ☐ **Tidy** under decks and verandahs.
- ☐ **Maintain** garden sheds and **store** chemicals safely.

💡 **Bonus Points:** Book a green waste pickup or drop-off day and make it a family project.

DIGITAL PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ **Back up** important files and photos to the cloud or an external drive.
- ☐ **Create** and label your **Grab-and-Go Folder** for documents.
- ☐ **Store** passwords and emergency contacts securely and accessibly.

💡 **Bonus Points:** Add an **ICE (In Case of Emergency)** contact on your phone with key details.

GRAB-AND-GO ESSENTIALS

- ☐ **IDs, insurance papers, medical information.**
- ☐ **Medications, first aid kit, and essential toiletries.**
- ☐ **Clothes, snacks, water, and a small comfort item.**

☐ **Pet food, leads, and vaccination details.**

☐ **Phone charger, torch, batteries, and cash.**

 **Bonus Points: Keep these items in a backpack near your main exit for easy access.**

YOUR FAMILY & PETS PLAN

☐ **Discuss who grabs what and where you'll meet if separated.**

☐ **Make a plan for **pets** or livestock.**

☐ **Share your plan with **neighbours or family members**.**

 **Bonus Points: Add your plan to a shared family note on your phones.**

NOTES & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NAME	PHONE	NOTES