



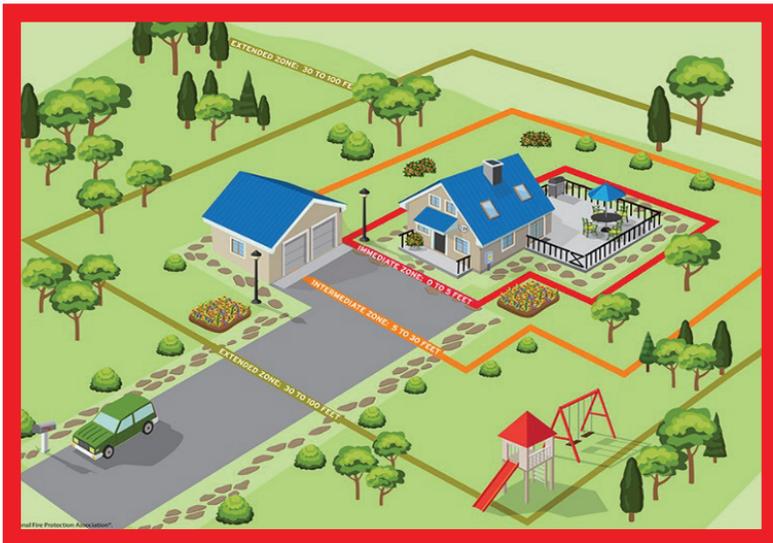
PREPARING FOR THE FIRE SEASON



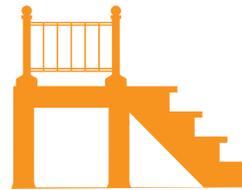
Preparing for the fire season will reduce risks to person and property.

Here are some top tips on what you should do before the fire season:

1 Create a defensible space around your home



Keep grass and fine vegetation around the home trimmed.



Remove flammable material under decks.



Clear fuels like trees and bushes around your home.

Store flammable materials away from your home.

2 Reduce fuel load



Seal any gaps on your roof that could let embers in.



Make sure gas bottles are stored safely and not exposed to possible heat sources.



Keep gutters clear of leaf litter.

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Ensure that you have available water sources at your house



Install defence measures like sprinklers or drencher systems around your home and infrastructure.



Keep a fire extinguisher in a place that is easily accessible.

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Make sure you are ready



Develop and discuss your emergency plan with your family.



Create and update your home inventory to help with insurance claims.



Where possible, have more than one exit from your home.

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Prepare for your pets



If you have pets, speak to a friend in a different area where you can safely drop off your pets should you need to evacuate.



Know your pets hiding place so that you can track them down quickly if needed.

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Landowner tips



Have an agreement with your neighbour to help each other if needed (mutual assistance agreement).



Develop a wildfire strategic plan and include firebreaks and prescribed burning.