



Landcare
New South Wales

Help to Protect Your Home from Fire Risks



After learning about bush fire risks, it's time to apply your knowledge and take proactive steps to protect your property.

Landcare groups work together to apply for grants and undertake works. Landcare goes beyond tree planting; it actively supports ecosystem engineers, creates habitats

for animals, and prioritises biodiversity conservation. You can find and contact your local Landcare coordinator here: <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups>

Here's what you can do next:



Assess Your Property:
Identify areas most vulnerable to bush fires.- link to app



Create and Implement a bush fire Management Plan:
Develop a comprehensive plan tailored to your property's needs. - link to survival plan



Implement Preventative Measures:
Remove flammable vegetation, thin and prune trees, and maintain clear paths for firefighting vehicles.



Landscaping for bush fire:
Select fire-resistant, or low-flammability plant species for your property and carefully manage the location and arrangement of fuel on your property, including creating defensible space.



Explore Funding Opportunities:
Look for grants and financial assistance programs to support your bush fire mitigation efforts.



Stay Informed:
Keep up-to-date with the latest bush fire warnings and weather updates.- link to apps



Engage with Your Community:
Participate in local bush fire preparedness initiatives and collaborate with local fire services, your local Landcare group and community groups for support and resources.






WORKSHEET

Fire readiness action plan

Drawing a map of your property will help identify:

- Areas on the property that are vulnerable to risk of fire (dense vegetation, plants/trees close to the house, vegetation 'ladders' etc)
- What mitigation measures and strategies you can undertake for each risk area

It will be helpful for you to draw a map of your farm that includes things such as buildings, fences, fields, streams, dense plantings, roads and other items that may be important. The more detailed the map is the more useful it is as a tool for management and planning of risks. You can use the key below to get started.

KEY	 River/stream	 Road	 Native vegetation	① _____
	 Building	 Fences	 Water storage	② _____
	 Riparian zone	 Cropping	 Risk area	③ _____


Draw your map here

Blank area for drawing the map.

Mitigation strategies

Choose plants that have specific characteristics (fire resistant species)	Create defensible space around house and infrastructure	Break up Fuel Continuity/focus on spacing of plants	Use fire resistant landscaping (rocks, pathways, etc)	Create a shelter belt
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After drawing your property...

<p>1. Which areas of your property can you identify as being at risk of fire? (Mark them on the map )</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>2. What strategies can you use to mitigate these risks? (Mark on the map or draw a line from the strategy to the risk area).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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