



Defendable Space Clearing Checklist



Creating a defendable space around your home is essential for protecting your property from bushfires. Use this checklist to maintain a safe buffer zone.

WHAT TO DO?

- Clear leaves, twigs, and bark from gutters and roofs.
- Prune lower branches to at least 2 meters off the ground.
- Trim trees and shrubs to create safe distance from your home.
- Remove dead plants, dry grass, leaves, and wood piles.
- Keep grass short and green, especially within 20 m of buildings.
- Clear debris from under decks, verandahs, and stairs.
- Store firewood and flammable materials well away from house.
- Maintain fuel-reduced zones (0–100 meters) around your property.
- Ensure access points for fire trucks are clear.
- Prepare a bushfire emergency plan and kit.




IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Follow **local fire authority** advice for legal and safe clearing.
- Use tools and machinery **safely**, wear protective gear.
- Avoid clearing on **hot, dry, or windy days**.
- Keep emergency phone numbers and plans handy.



Keep this checklist handy and review it regularly during fire season.

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