

## CFS FACT SHEET

# Preparing your home for bushfires

**You can be bushfire ready even if you are planning to leave early or renting your home.**



- Keep gutters clean and free of debris.
- Mow, rake and weed to remove fine fuels within 20 metres of your home.
- Prune shrubs so that their tops are well away from the lower branches of trees.
- Prune lower branches of shrubs and trees to separate the foliage from the ground fuels underneath.
- Reduce loose bark, dead twigs, leaves or branches from your yard.
- Move firewood and flammable items (such as paper recycling, boxes and crates) further away from your home.



### Other steps to prepare

- Have a Bushfire Survival Plan, no matter where you live, and practise it throughout the year.
- Prepare an Emergency Kit.
- Stay informed during the Fire Danger Season by monitoring multiple sources of information (TV, radio, CFS Website, social media, Bushfire Information Hotline).
- Learn about bushfire behaviour and how to survive by visiting the CFS website ([www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)).

**If you and your home are not fully prepared for a bushfire, or if you have any doubts about your ability to defend your home, you should plan to leave early.**