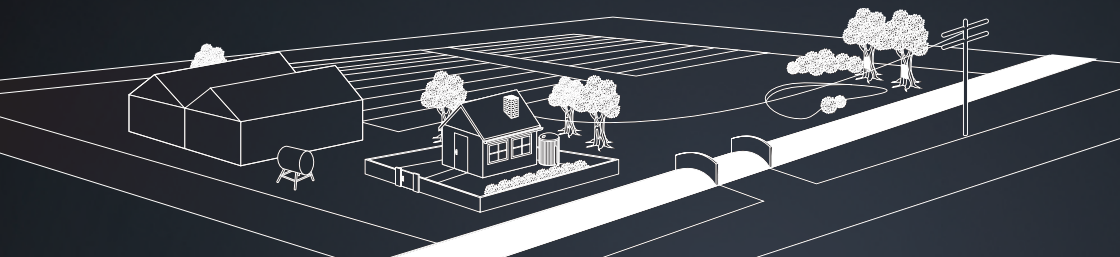# INFORMATION FOR RURAL LANDHOLDERS AND FARMERS
PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

If you live on a rural property, there are simple tasks you need to complete to prepare your property for fire.

A well-prepared property can:

> Be easier for you or firefighters to defend

> Give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave

> Reduce the possibility of a fire spreading onto your property

> Increase protection for valuable assets, such as stock, crops, infrastructure and machinery

TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR PROPERTY SAFER

1. CLEAR / SLASH
Clear flammable materials (e.g. gas cylinders) and slash areas of long, dry grass around structures like the home and shed.

2. BURN
If you have the required permit / approval and training, conduct a controlled burn on your property to reduce fuel.

3. PLOUGH
Plough firebreaks around each paddock boundary to prevent the spread of fire.

4. ROTATE
Rotate stock across the property to ensure paddocks are well-grazed.

5. PREPARE
Prepare and maintain sturdy hoses and water pumps in case you need to defend your property.

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MORE PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- ☑ Prepare a property map and action plan
- ☑ Clean and maintain machinery such as tractors, slashers, harvesters, welders, chainsaws and grinders
  - Fit an approved spark arrestor
  - Carry a working water fire extinguisher (minimum 9L liquid or 0.9kg dry powder) or knapsack (minimum 16L)
- ☑ Prepare a safer location for livestock
- ☑ Remove overhanging branches from power lines
- ☑ Ensure that a fire truck can safely access your property
- ☑ Place water pipes from dams underground and install a pump to the house
- ☑ Make sure hoses have spray nozzles attached
- ☑ Keep water tanks full and connected to pumps

For more information on what you can do to prepare for bush fire this season:

NSW Rural Fire Service Website
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
www.myfireplan.com.au

Your nearest NSW RFS Fire Control Centre:

Bush Fire Information Line
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)