Worksheet II



BUSHFIRE PREPARATION GUIDE

Preparation

Prepare a bushfire survival plan and a bushfire survival kit:

- Find out if there is a nearby neighbourhood safe place.
- Make sure your property has clear access for fire trucks.
- •Mow your grass regularly to keep it short.
- Rake up leaves, twigs and branches.
- Take care of items close to the house. Trim low-lying branches and shrubs. Remove all rubbish, leaf litter, firewood and fuel containers.
- Clear roof and gutters of leaves, twigs, bark and other debris.
- If possible, make a firebreak around your home (use mower, rake, spade).
- Fill in any gaps around windows, door frames and roof eaves.

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If you plan to leave - do so early, before a bushfire threatens your area.

- Let family members, neighbours and friends know you have left.
- Move cars to a safe location.
- Close windows and doors and shut blinds.

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- Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows.
- Seal gaps under doors and windows with wet towels.
- Bring pets inside, restrain them and provide them with water.
- Fill containers with water baths, sinks, buckets, wheelie bins.
- Listen to your local radio/television station for official information, as well as advice on damage and service disruptions.

• Logan City Council's Prescribed Burn program intends to strategically reduce the bushfire hazard in selected areas of parks and reserves throughout the city.

- Council mitigates the impacts of bushfires by working in partnership with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Queensland Parks and Wildlife to undertake planned burns on Council-owned land and State-controlled land.
- Council also does regular fire break maintenance, to ensure access is maintained for emergency vehicles.

For more information on bushfires, visit the **Queensland Fire and Emergency Services** website.

