



Warburton Bushfire Emergency Planner

SUMMER

- Maintain your property
- Make sure you have the latest CFA fire safety information
- Have a bushfire survival fire plan. It is essential for Warburton residents, including having back up plans.
(See www.warburtonemergency.org.au to help you get started on your own plan)
- Regularly discuss your fire plan with family and neighbours
- Pack a relocation kit. Include documentation, medications, clothes, money, etc
- Check the CFA website for current restrictions and warnings—
www.cfa.vic.gov.au.
- Know when Fire Restrictions are in place for your municipality
- Understand what restrictions apply on a day of Total Fire Ban—
Can I or Can't I

DAILY

- Check the Fire Danger Rating for Central Fire District
- Be aware of local advice and warnings issued by regularly checking a variety of sources - monitor the CFA or DELWP websites, radio 774 ABC, Yarra Ranges Shire Council websites, particularly on days of high fire risk.
- Activate your personal fire plan accordingly.
- Actively monitor your surroundings, be aware of conditions.

WEEKLY

- Check your property (including gutters) for leaf litter and windblown debris.
- Ensure flammable materials are stored away from the house correctly.

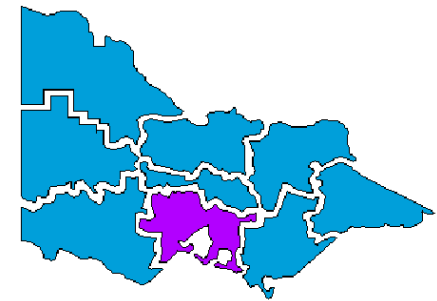
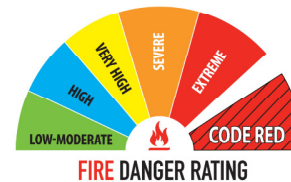
FORTNIGHTLY

- Check fuel and oil supply for fire equipment.

For the latest information visit the CFA at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL)** on **1800 240 667**.

For **Yarra Ranges Council** information during the fire season visit: www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au or call Council on **1300 368 333**.

Warburton is located in the **Central** Fire District.



ALWAYS REMEMBER

- **DO NOT** rely on receiving warnings such as an emergency text message (mobile phone) or phone call (landline)
- On a Code Red day, the safest option is to leave early in the morning or the night before.
- On Extreme or Severe days the safest option is to leave early.
- Leaving at the last minute as a fire approaches is extremely dangerous.
- Refer to your Community Information Guide for valuable information, especially about leaving early. The guide is available in hard copy or electronically. Contact the CFA : www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/community-information-guides
- Defending your home may put your life at risk.



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AUTUMN

- Continue to monitor information sources such as CFA website, Radio 774 ABC and warburtonemergency.org.au
- Continue with property maintenance
- If the Fire Danger Period is over check <http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Property/Fire-emergencies/Burning-Off> to find out if you can burn off your green waste
- Have hoses and water buckets on hand, and a clear space of 3 metres around the burn
- Register your burn off by calling **1800 668 511**
- Develop an action plan to implement improvements that you did not have time to do last year
- With the end of daylight savings, when you change your clock, you should also change your smoke alarm battery—**only a working smoke alarm saves lives**

WINTER

- Regular monitoring and maintenance of your property for debris ensures that you can manage preparations for summer
- Continue to burn off when appropriate (conditions apply) and implement improvements that you did not have time to do last season
- Prune dead wood and lower limbs of trees. Make sure there is enough clear space between vegetation and your home.
- **Prepare a winter fire plan**
- Discuss an evacuation procedure with your family
- Prepare and practice your personal fire plan and ensure you have an agreed gathering/meeting point outside
- Join or start a Community Fireguard Group. Visit <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/community-fireguard> for information

SPRING

- Refer to the CFA for current fire safety information
- Fuel reduction is important, i.e. mowing, raking, slashing and burning (conditions apply)
- Clear your gutters and enclose under-floor areas
- Remove flammable items from around the house including firewood
- Can you source reserve water supplies, i.e. tanks or dams? Check for and maintain leaks
- Ensure hoses are long enough to reach all sides of the house
- Ensure your fire-fighting pump is full of fuel and in running order
- Have buckets (preferably metal), mops, spray backpacks, ladders, rakes, shovels readily available
- Ensure LPG gas tanks have outlets turned away from the house
- Check window shutters are working correctly
- Check bunker doors can be opened/closed by household members (where applicable)

Use caution when burning off and ensure you meet Council requirements. Ensure permit conditions are abided by and check the latest CFA fire safety information—www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

- Practice your personal fire plan and discuss with family members
- Assemble a relocation kit and put it where it is easily located. Include natural fibre clothing, goggles, gloves, boots, bottled water, battery-powered radio, battery-powered torches, etc. Refer to your CFA Community Information Guide for further information
- Secure personal valuables/essentials offsite as per your personal fire plan
- Fortnightly, check for windblown debris around the house and sheds, and in gutters