As the property owner, you are responsible for ensuring the your property is prepared and maintained for the fire danger season. This includes installing and maintaining fire breaks and reducing fuel loads on your property.

Properties must be prepared prior to the Fire Danger Season and maintained to a standard throughout the Fire Danger Season.

Council's Fire Prevention Officers inspect properties prior to, and throughout, the Fire Danger Season. Inspections commence in September each year. If your property does not meet the requirements at this time, further action, including the issuing of legal notices, and expiations may occur.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER 8687 9177
OR GO TO www.cfs.sa.gov.au

A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared. A well prepared home:

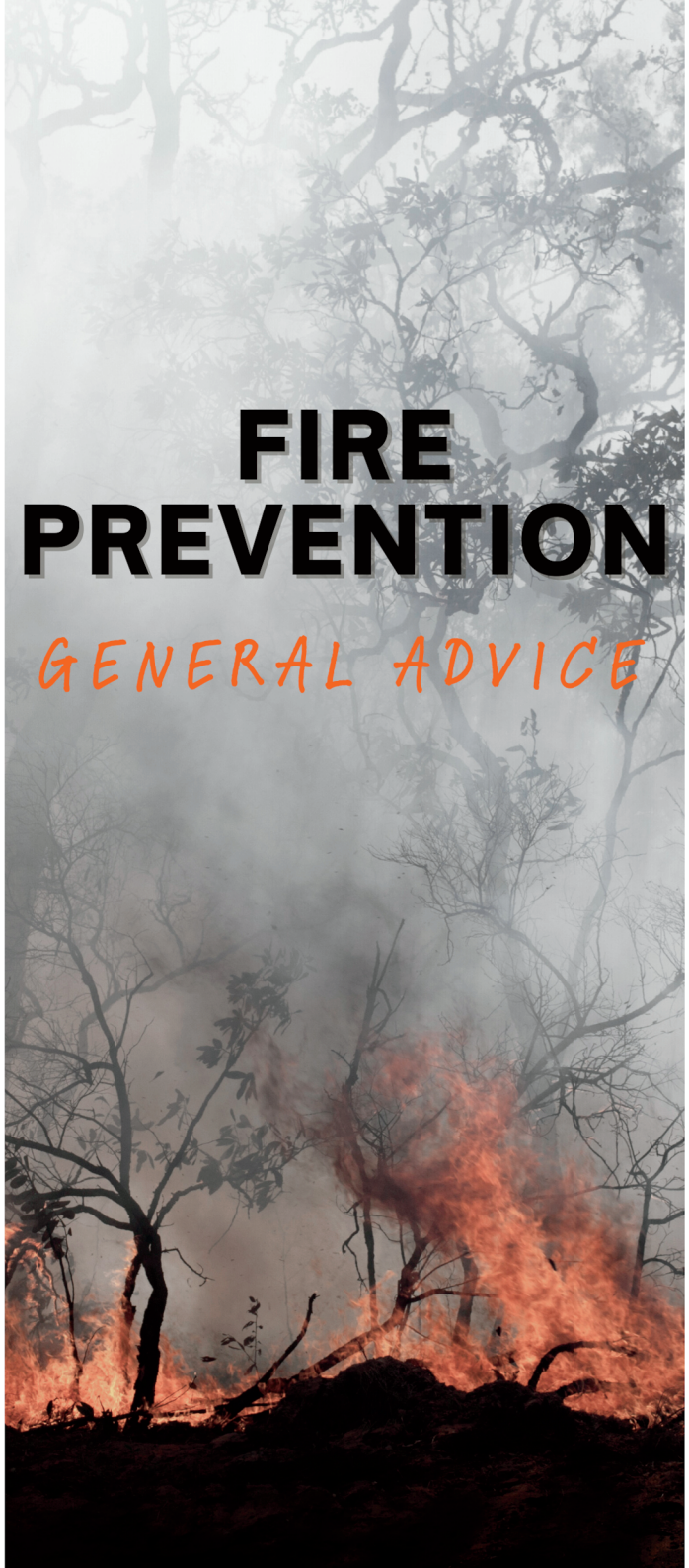
- can be easier for you or firefighters to defend
- is more likely to survive, even if you're not there
- is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk
- will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave and have to take shelter.

The Fire Danger Season generally runs from November through to April, although these dates may change due to seasonal conditions. The exact dates are published prior to the Fire Danger Season on the CFS website.

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON BELONGS TO THE WEST COAST, REGION 6 AREA.

FIRE PREVENTION

GENERAL ADVICE



ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

JUL AUG SEP	**BUSHFIRE PREVENTION STARTS NOW** Prepare Fire Breaks - start mowing program early, spray difficult to mow breaks, trim trees and shrubs ensuring that there is no vegetation growing against infrastructure and dispose of green waste piles. Remove leaves from gutters and check all fire fighting equipment is in good working order. Engage a contractor if unable to complete fire prevention works yourself.
OCT	**COUNCIL INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES** Hazard reduction notices will be sent to township property owners who fail to comply. **REVIEW YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN**
NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR	**FIRE DANGER SEASON** 1st November—15th April *These dates may change due to seasonal conditions* **PREPARE YOUR HOME** Maintain 5 metre and 20 metre fuel reduction zones. Rehearse your bushfire survival plan. Check fire danger ratings each day & monitor fire restrictions. Keep flammable materials clear of buildings. Permits are required to light fires during the fire danger season
MAY JUN	Remove undergrowth and dead vegetation. Protect fire fighting equipment from inclement weather. Review fire prevention measures and program any improvements.

FUEL REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Clear all tree branches that overhang your buildings and fences
- Remove all flammable materials close to buildings
- Remove green waste piles
- Maintain grass to maximum height - 100mm over fire danger season

PROPERTIES LESS THAN 0.5ha

Clear or slash undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm over the entire block where practicable

PROPERTIES OVER 0.5ha

- 20 metre fuel reduction zone to a maximum height of 100mm around house and other infrastructure
- 5 metre fuel reduction zone around perimeter of block

FIRE BREAKS ARE REQUIRED AROUND THE FOLLOWING HAZARDS:

5m clearance required around:

- Wood heaps and hay stack
- Fuel storage areas
- Garden refuse piles
- Fallen trees