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**ARE YOU
BUSHFIRE
READY?**

Tips for survival in a Bushfire – PREPARATION IS EVERYTHING

Part 1: Starve the Fire

There are many ways that you can improve the chance of your property surviving a bushfire even if you are not there to defend it.

If there is nothing to burn there will be no fire, so reduce fuel levels around your house.

- ❖ Maintain a minimum two metre gap between trees and the building, do not have trees overhanging your house or shed
- ❖ Keep the grass short, and prune shrubs and trees
- ❖ Rake up leaf litter and twigs under trees, and remove bark
- ❖ Make sure there is a gap between shrubs or trees, do not clump them together
- ❖ Place paths and the driveway next to your house, as they can provide a protective barrier
- ❖ Keep your gutters free of leaves
- ❖ Consider alternatives to mulch, such as paving, rocks, pebbles or brick chips.

GO TO: www.emergency.wa.gov.au for more information on preparing for a Bushfire