

### LONG-TERM PRECAUTIONS

- Prepare firebreaks
- Develop and maintain a minimum 20-metre asset protection zone
- Make the house safe — fit wire screens and shutters and fill gaps.
- Develop and maintain a suitable hazard separation zone
- Provide an emergency water supply
- Discuss fire prevention with your neighbours—is your locality safe?
- Discuss your preparedness with your neighbours

### SPRING (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- Move woodpile and stacked timber away from the house
- Keep the grass short—on farms, keep grazing pressure high on areas near the house
- Prune the dead material from the shrubs in the asset protection zone
- Clean out gutters, remove debris from roof
- Install firebreaks
- Prepare an emergency kit
- Prepare an emergency plan
- Decide whether to stay and actively defend your property in the event of a fire or leave for a safer place

### EARLY SUMMER (DECEMBER ONWARDS)

- Water lawns, trees and shrubs near the house to keep them green
- Re-check personal and home protection gear, screens, water supplies and gutters

### AUTUMN AND WINTER (MAY–AUGUST)

- Tree pruning—remove lower branches, check that powerlines are clear
- Reduce fuel levels around the house—clear long grass, leaves, twigs and flammable shrubs
- Petrol and other fuels—store in a suitable shed away from the home
- Make sure your personal and home protection equipment is in good order.
- Overhaul the emergency water pump
- Make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in a fire

### NEED HELP?

Our Bushfire Risk Officer is available to meet you on your property to give you personal advice that will help you prepare for the season. Please contact us if you wish to make an appointment or obtain more information on (08) 9576 4600 or email [chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au](mailto:chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au)