

Chittering has been declared a Bushfire Prone Area

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What does 'bushfire prone' mean?

Bushfire prone land is an area of land that can support a bush fire, or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack.

A bushfire prone area is an area mapped by the State Government. It identifies vegetation types and associated buffer zones.

For information regarding the *Map of Bushfire Prone Areas* please contact DFES:

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/regulationandcompliance/bushfireproneareas/Pages/default.aspx
obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au or 9395 9300

How does Chittering being declared Bushfire Prone affect me?

Any structures already built are not affected as the legislation is not retrospective. Should any new structures be constructed they will require a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment (unless it is a single house on a property less than 1,100m²).

What is a BAL assessment?

Please refer to our Fact Sheet 016 – Bushfire Attack Level Assessments.

What can I do to reduce my risk during a bushfire?

You can ensure that you have established your Building Protection and Hazard Separation Zones, along with your fire breaks (in accordance with the Shire of Chittering Firebreak Notice and your Fire Management Plan, if applicable).

Preparing your home will assist in reducing the risk of embers starting spot fires around your home.

Keeping informed, by knowing the daily fire danger rating, may help you plan your day during peak risk times. Please refer to Fact Sheet 012 – Emergency Communications.

What can I expect during a bushfire?

- Fires can be very hot, intense and fast moving. Burning embers may be blown from a fire, landing on your property starting spot fires or setting fire to your home.
- Embers may remain present long after the main fire front has passed.
- Smoke and fire may affect driveways and homes, making it difficult to leave.
- The radiant heat from a fire may affect your home and can kill anyone out in the open.
- Grass fires can move much faster than a bush fire, catching people off guard.
- Fire travelling uphill will travel faster doubling its speed, resulting in a more dangerous and intense fire behaviour.
- It is impossible for emergency services to protect every individual home and property.

For LOCAL Emergency Service Enquiries

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All Shire information is available in alternative formats upon request