

BUSHFIRE WHY RISK IT?

FACT SHEET

Emergency kits

Having an emergency kit ready will save you valuable time during a bushfire or other emergency.



Who needs an emergency kit and why?

Every household in Tasmania has some risk of being impacted by bushfire. An emergency kit will help you, your family and your pets leave home quickly. You might need to stay away for 1-2 days or longer.

Your emergency kit is a key part of your [bushfire plan](#), whether you intend to leave early or stay and defend your home. Don't have a plan yet? You can still get a kit ready. It will help you get to a safer place fast.

Electricity, water, phones and internet might stop working during an emergency. Road access might be blocked and public transport routes cancelled. The items in your emergency kit should help you stay informed and safe even if you lose services or get stuck somewhere you had not planned on.

If you are travelling, it is a good idea to take a basic kit along with you. Bushfires and other emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time.

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 fire.tas.gov.au

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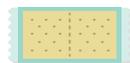
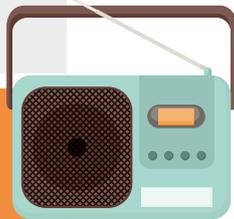
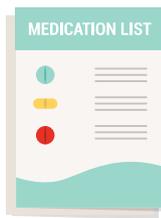
What to pack:



Things you can prepare now:

This kit can be kept in your car or somewhere easy to reach at home.

- Drinking water
- Battery-operated radio
- Waterproof torch
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Candles
- Waterproof matches
- Wool or cotton blankets.
- A clear list of the things you need to grab before you leave.



What about pets?

Make sure pets are microchipped or wearing identification tags. Have crates, leashes, bedding, and enough food and water ready to go. Bring their medication, poo bags or litter supplies.

Natural fibre blankets can help protect you from heat and embers. Pack one for each person.

Print out **essential contact details** in case your phone can't be charged. Save important **documents and photos** on an external hard drive as well as in the cloud.



What about livestock and large animals?

Make plans for when and how you'll move your horses and livestock if they won't be safe on your property.



Things to grab when leaving:

- Keys
- Wallet with cash
- Identification and important documents (e.g. insurance details)
- Phones and chargers
- Essential contact details
- Medications and prescriptions
- Toiletries
- Glasses and sunglasses
- Bushfire protective clothing
- Face masks
- Children's supplies
- Food
- Spare clothes
- You might also consider tents, sleeping bags, mattresses and folding chairs.



A quality dust mask can protect your lungs from smoke – even from a bushfire far away.