

FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

BEST PRACTICE GUIDE



CEHL encourages all Co-ops and their members to plan for the possibility of bushfires in their area.

Planning Ahead

Before each fire season Co-ops and members should make a visual inspection of each property and identify any works that need to be completed including who will do each task and when it should be completed.

In fire-prone areas, record these plans and actions on an Asset Protection Report which is sent by CEHL each year to co-ops in high fire-risk areas.

PREPARE PROPERTIES BY:

- Vegetation clearing, grass cutting, tree removal or trimming
- Fence line clearing
- Cleaning out the guttering and blocked down pipes
- Ensuring that wood piles, fuels and chemicals are stored away from the house

DURING THE DECLARED FIRE DANGER PERIOD:

- Grass must be maintained and kept below a height of 10 cm
- All leaves and vegetation debris must be removed at regular intervals

CEHL encourages all members to create and practice an evacuation plan in line with the guidelines set by the CFA/MFB. Information can be found at: www.cfa.vic.gov.au
www.mfb.vic.gov.au

If a Fire Occurs

Monitor the situation using the VicEmergency app and follow any advice issued by emergency services for that region. If needed, contact emergency services for immediate help.

Emergency Response Services:

- Police / Fire / Ambulance - 000
- Victorian Bushfire Information Line - 1800 240 667.
- SES - 132 500