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There are some simple things you can do around your property to prepare it against the risk of fire. You need to prepare well beforehand as leaving it to the last minute is too late.

Here are five simple things you can do now to prevent the threat of fire.



1. CLEAR / SLASH

Clear flammable materials (e.g. gas cylinders) and slash areas of long, dry grass around structures like the home and shed.



2. BURN

If you have the required permits, approvals and skills and the conditions are suitable, conduct a controlled burn on your property to reduce fuel.



3. PLOUGH

Plough firebreaks around each paddock boundary to prevent the spread of fire.



4. ROTATE

Rotate stock across the property to ensure paddocks are well-grazed.



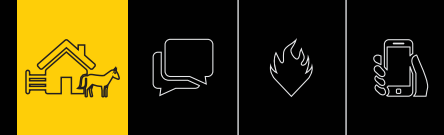
5. PREPARE

Prepare and maintain sturdy hoses and water pumps in case you need to defend your property.



If you've conducted slashing on your own property recently, you've already completed one of the top five ways to make your property safer.





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As part of preparing your property against fire, it's important to create a map of your property with the location of important features. This will help you identify and prevent fire risks in and around your property.

MAPPING YOUR PROPERTY

Your map can be a photocopy of the property map, an aerial photograph or a map you draw yourself.

STEP 1: Using a **GREEN** pen, label all of the areas of your property where you will need to take action and minimise the risk of fire to protect key assets.

This may include different paddocks on the property, areas of landscaped garden or zones around important assets (e.g. sheds).

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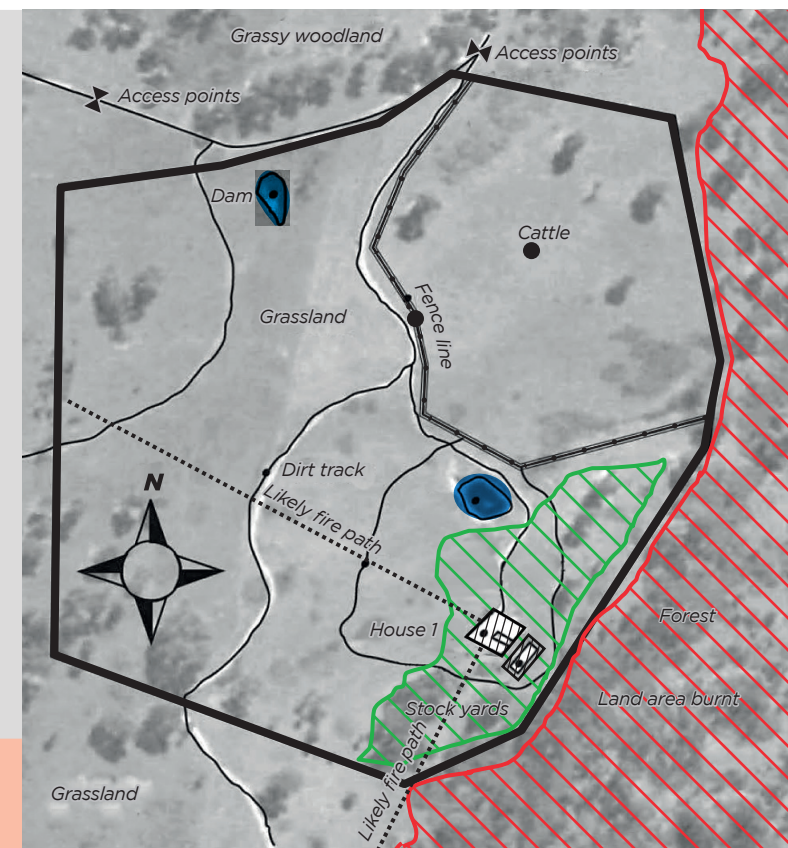
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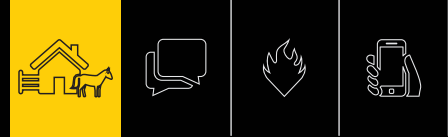
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TIP: If you have internet access, use a satellite view map (such as Google Maps) as a guide to create your property map.





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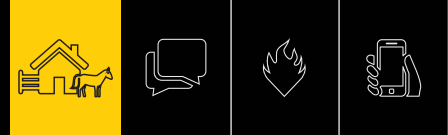
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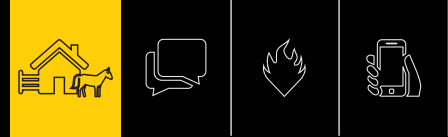
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DEVELOPING AN ACTION PLAN

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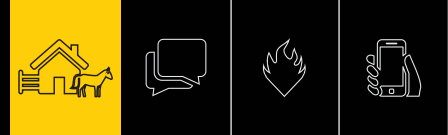
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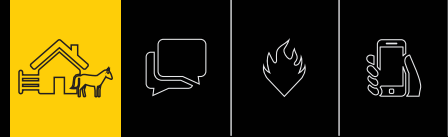
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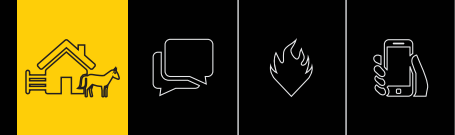
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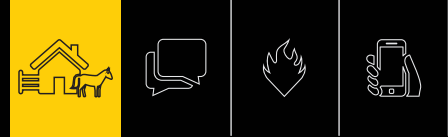
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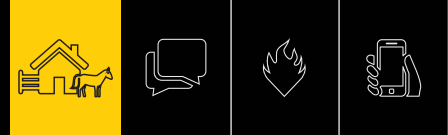
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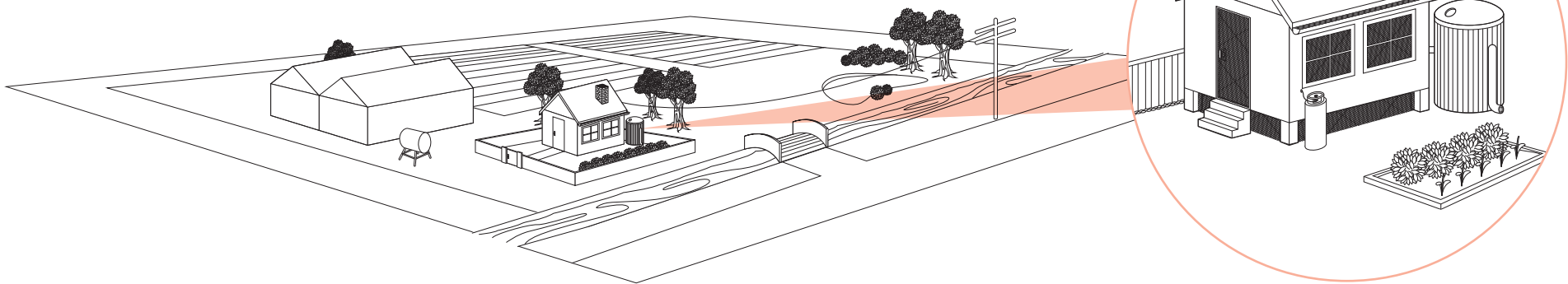
Make sure your property is prepared for fire by taking these action. These may also form part of your Fire Plan.

AROUND THE PROPERTY

- Manage vegetation around buildings, assets and infrastructure
- Ensure access gates and tracks are wide enough and have a height clearance to allow a fire truck access to your home and property. Ensure access roads are clear of debris and overhanging tree branches that may hinder the progress of a fire truck.
- Clear fire breaks along paddock boundaries
- Place water pipes from dams underground and install pump to the house
- Make sure all hoses have spray nozzles
- If possible, keep water tanks full and connect them to pumps

AROUND THE HOME

- Keep a well-maintained area around the home and sheds
- Store petrol, diesel and gas away from home
- Block up areas like eaves where embers can enter the house
- Move garden beds away from the home



A cleared area around your home can slow a fire spreading and give firefighters a safe area to work.

