

THE WELL-PREPARED PROPERTY

Mature trees can help shield against radiant heat and embers. They must be strategically located and well managed.

Keep grass cut to less than 10cm.

Keep woodpiles away from house.

Remove flammable items from decks and verandahs, such as boxes, furniture and doormats.

Store flammable liquids away from house.

Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark.

Use pebbles or rocks in your garden (not flammable mulch).

Keep gutters clear of leaf litter.

Prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath.

Do not have large shrubs next to or under windows.

Cut back overhanging branches – no branches in 10m space.

Prune shrubs well away from tree branches.

