

**Checklist before each fire season (March – October):**

| Action  | Yes | No |
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| <b>On your perimeter</b>  |     |    |
| - Reduce fuel loads   |     |    |
| - pay special attention to fuel load management in down slope areas   |     |    |
| - Construct firebreaks adjacent to the property   |     |    |
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| <b>Building maintenance</b>   |     |    |
| - Clear leave and debris from gutters   |     |    |
| - Secure any loose roof tiles   |     |    |
| - Remove inflammable and dry vegetation from under decks, against walls and pillars   |     |    |
| - Fit windows (at least the vulnerable side of buildings with clip on wire gauze screens to be used in the event of a fire                |     |    |
| - Seal roof vents, eaves and floor vents with wire gauze screening  |     |    |
| - Check that hoses are long enough to reach all sides of the house  |     |    |
| - Consider removing branches or trees that overhang buildings   |     |    |
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| <b>Stand maintenance</b>  |     |    |
| - Slash long grass and undergrowth  |     |    |
| - Remove dead and dry branches from trees   |     |    |
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| <b>Water supplies</b>   |     |    |
| - Ensure that your water supply will be sufficient and reliable in the event of a veldfire  |     |    |
| - Consider the placement of garden taps   |     |    |
| - Install a sprinkler system in your garden and on the roof   |     |    |
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| <b>Equipment</b>  |     |    |
| - Consider Acquiring portable petrol powered pumps (electricity supplies can fail during a veldfire, so electrical pumps will be useless) |     |    |
| - Check that all your fire fighting equipment is serviceable  |     |    |
| - Install hose fittings that are fire proof   |     |    |
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**Checklist during the fire season (March – October):**

| Action   | Yes | No |
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| <b>Early warning systems</b>   |     |    |
| - Be aware of weather conditions associated with high fire danger in your region (temperature, wind speed, direction and relative humidity)  |     |    |
| - Be aware of the daily fire danger rating during the fire season  |     |    |
| - Know what radio station will carry news of veldfires   |     |    |
| <b>Communications</b>  |     |    |
| - Compile a list of phone numbers, radio call signs and frequencies you may need during a veldfire   |     |    |
| - Make sure your property can be easily located by the fire brigade  |     |    |
| <b>Buildings</b>   |     |    |
| - Remove hanging baskets with dry material from the building   |     |    |
| - Check gutters and roof corners from accumulation of leaves   |     |    |
| - Remove inflammable materials such as wood piles that are in close proximity to buildings   |     |    |
| - Storing fuels and paints in a single place away from houses  |     |    |
| <b>Stand</b>   |     |    |
| - Cut grass and other vegetation and litter from the garden  |     |    |
| - Attach hoses to taps when fire danger is high  |     |    |
| <b>Equipment</b>   |     |    |
| - Store fire beaters ("slappers"), rakes, spades, buckets, hoses, mops and other fire fighting equipment in a single easily accessible place |     |    |
| - Check pumps on a daily basis when fire danger is high  |     |    |
| <b>Survival plan</b>   |     |    |
| - Rehearse family emergency evacuation plan  |     |    |
| - Include your pets in your evacuation plan  |     |    |
| - Ensure that all your family members and staff know about stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire                                |     |    |
| - Establish a safe meeting place for your family outside your house  |     |    |
| - Store protective clothing for the entire family in one easily accessible place   |     |    |
| - Ensure that sufficient drinking water is available   |     |    |