

# How to prepare for a bushfire



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Because bushfires can cause extended power outages, don't rely on power supply as part of your Bushfire Survival Plan

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## Before

- Equipment such as electric water pumps can't be used if your power supply is interrupted – prepare a generator, diesel-powered or petrol-powered pump instead

## During

- Exercise caution when using generators. Never use a generator inside or try to power the house or "backfeed" supply
- Hot and windy weather can increase the sag and swing of powerlines. A reminder to Look Up, Look Out for sagging powerlines and anything that could touch them. Report any instances of fallen powerlines to us on **132 004** immediately
- Listen to your local ABC Radio station to keep up to date with current outages

## After

- When returning to your home make sure it's safe to do so
- Keep an eye out for fallen or damaged powerlines. Report fallen or damaged powerlines to us on **132 004**
- If you're returning to your home in a bushfire-affected area, ensure your CablePI is plugged in and switched on. When it's working correctly it'll show a solid green light. An alarm or flashing amber light indicates a problem. If this occurs, stay away from sinks, taps or other metallic objects in your house and immediately call us on **132 004**. If you don't have a CablePI, order one at [www.tasnetworks.com.au/cablepi](http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/cablepi)
- If you experience tingling taps, flickering lights or notice any other indications that something might be wrong, call us immediately on **132 004**
- If your home or property has been impacted by fire (including by embers and ash) your electrical wiring, circuit breakers and fuses will need to be confirmed safe by an electrician. Have your home inspected by an electrician and repairs carried out before contacting us to have power restored. For safety purposes, an electrician will have to provide us with a Certificate of Electrical Compliance before reconnection if you've been disconnected
- Don't plug in or use appliances or equipment that may have been damaged by fire until they've been checked by an electrician. If you're unsure if equipment has been damaged, have it inspected before you plug it in