

## Adopt a hydrant

In the event of a fire it is essential that firefighters have quick and easy access to water from the nearest hydrant.

Together with the CFA, GWMWater asks that you 'adopt a hydrant' and help maintain it at all times.

Simply keep an eye on the hydrant closest to your property. In towns these will be located on or near a nature strip either at or above ground level. All hydrants should be marked with blue reflective road markers. On the Wimmera Mallee and Northern Mallee Pipelines, hydrants are generally located at five kilometre spacings along trunk mains.

It is important that hydrants are kept clear and visible at all times. You can assist maintaining the hydrant nearest your property by:

- > clearing soil, grass and shrubs from around the hydrant
- > keeping vehicles clear of the hydrant
- > reporting any visible faults, damage or missing marker posts to your local council or GWMWater on 1300 659 961.



## For further advice

For information and advice on preparing your family and home for the upcoming bushfire season, we recommend you consult the CFA.

## Contacts and information during a bushfire

Emergency **000**

Victorian Bushfire Information Line **1800 240 667**

VicRoads road closure information **131 170**

Wildlife Rescue **1300 094 535**

State Emergency Services (SES) **132 500**

ABC Radio **594 AM**

ACE Radio **101.3 FM / 1089 AM**

CFA website **[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)**

DSE website **[www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)**

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# Bushfires and your water supply



**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**  
**FireReady** 

GWMWater cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply or adequate water pressure to rural and urban customers in the event of a bushfire.



*Photo courtesy of Glenn Rudolph of DSE Horsham*

Every summer, as the weather becomes hotter and vegetation dries out, our region experiences a high fire danger period.

GWMWater has prepared for the bushfire season, with our people trained and our water supply networks set up to cope with extreme conditions.

An uninterrupted water supply or water pressure cannot however be guaranteed to rural and urban customers in the event of a bushfire.

**When making your fire plan, be prepared with an independent water supply.**

Loss of electricity may cause our pumps, which transfer water across the region, to fail.

Extreme demand for water from residents and the CFA during a bushfire may cause a reduction in pressure throughout our pipe networks.

#### **Water restrictions during a bushfire**

If fire is threatening your property, water restrictions will be waived in defense of your home.

#### **Drinking water**

In towns receiving drinking water, we recommend you keep a supply of drinking water available throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted. A good idea is to keep jugs of water in your fridge.

#### **Working with the CFA**

We work closely with the CFA so that:

- > firefighters can quickly locate fire hydrants
- > firefighters have the best access to available water supplies
- > disruptions or low water pressure to customers connected to our systems are minimised

Initiatives include:

- > back up generators at key sites, including major pumping stations and water treatment plants
- > dedicated transportable generators on standby
- > a combination of fire hydrants and council fire tanks constructed on a five kilometre grid on the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline
- > fire hydrants on the Northern Mallee Pipeline
- > local CFA brigades fully briefed on fire hydrant and fire tank locations