Bare earth, low vegetation and clean gutters are a great way to reduce bushfire risk on your property.
Having a bushfire plan helps:

- landowners understand and manage risk
- compliance with the Bushfire Management Act
- increase the level of community preparedness
- start a conversation between families and neighbours

Your legal responsibility

- You need a permit to burn all year around including for green waste piles. Contact your local bushfires brigade or Bushfires NT for a permit.
- Even with a permit you cannot burn on a fire ban day.
- You need a 4m minimum firebreak around the boundary of your property, structures and stationary engines. Firebreaks can be slashed, graded or sprayed with herbicide. Check if you can drive around these in a truck.
- Gamba grass must be managed within 15m of boundary, internal roads and structures.

Making your place less flammable

- clean gutters and cut back overhanging trees
- sprinkler systems, green spaces and bare ground are effective in slowing fire down
- store flammable material in a safe place
- slash, burn, spray or graze grasses down with stock
- manage grassy weeds

Things needed to fight the fire

- protective clothing
- portable water tank and pump
- water filling point such as a bore, dam, tanks or swimming pool
- long hoses

Firebreaks aren’t there to stop fire, they provide safe access for firefighters

Keep flammable material away from structures
Create your own bushfire plan

- find your property on NR Maps [nrmaps.nt.gov.au/nrmaps.html](nrmaps.nt.gov.au/nrmaps.html)
- from the left hand layers panel, click the plus next to basemaps and select background (e.g. Google satellite)
- go to the top line menu and select — name your property, click generate
- on your map, list your property uses (e.g. horticulture - mangoes)
- list your fire management objectives (e.g. exclude fire from mangoes)
- mark zones, firebreaks and other features (e.g. water, irrigation, gates) and determine your fire management actions for each zone
- talk to your neighbours about your plans and record their contact details

Example: Small property bushfire plan for blocks less than 100ha

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Property uses
- tourism
- rural lifestyle/haven
- nature (no livestock or pets)

Fire management objectives
- protect buildings and guests by excluding fire from infrastructure zone
- protect rainforest by excluding fire
- manage fuel in woodland zone

Fire management actions
- maintain perimeter and internal fire breaks
- mow to keep grass low
- use sprinklers
- create bare earth buffers
- conduct planned burns in early dry season or wet season
- check firefighting equipment (fire trailer) and water supply
- manage grassy weeds (slashing, spraying, burning)
- clean gutters and trim trees close to buildings
Stay or go? You decide

When a wildfire comes you must decide whether to leave early or stay and defend. Either way, being prepared will reduce the risk to your family and property.

Think about the following:

- Can you see smoke? If so, what direction is it? Where is the wind coming from?
- Call 000, they will contact Bushfires NT who will respond appropriately.
- Is your property clearly identified with a street number or lot number?
- Where will you go if you leave?

- Are gates locked? Leave unlocked during wildfires.
- Plan for pets/livestock (e.g. have horse in float and prearrange friend where you can take it).
- Move stock into grazed paddocks.
- Activate your Bushfire Action Plan (example below).

Wildfire information

- Check the Fire Incident Map for updates www.pfes.nt.gov.au/incidentmap
- Bushfires NT Facebook page www.facebook.com/BushfiresNT
- Bushfires NT Twitter twitter.com/bushfiresnt
- Check bushfire alerts on SecureNT securent.nt.gov.au

Example Bushfire Action Plan: Sunset Tourist Park

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<td>leave or retreat to safe zone [ ] ensure all visitors are leaving/have left [ ]</td>
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<td>• you may be in danger and need to take action immediately</td>
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<td>Watch and Act</td>
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Sprinklers can be used to wet down vegetation in the event of wildfire

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000

Protect life, property and environment from the threat of wildfire