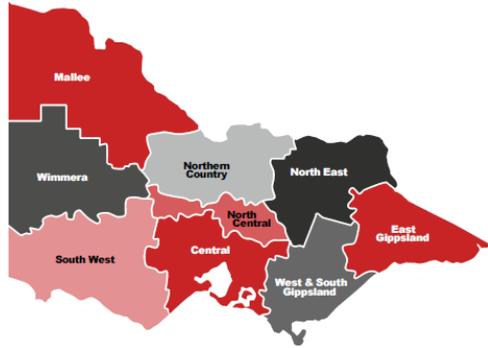


Mount Buller Fire Ready Information

Mt Buller has an **EXTREME** bushfire risk as is surrounded by National Park. Bushfires can be deadly and strike without warning. Planning and preparation can save lives. If you chose to live, work or visit areas of high fire risk it is vital to your safety to have a well developed survival plan for ALL days when hot, dry and windy conditions create a fire risk. Use this guide to help you and your family prepare.

Note your districts Fire Danger Rating daily as your **trigger** to act

Mt Buller is in the North East Total Fire Ban District



Displays when a Total Fire Ban is in force



Triggers

Actions

	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CODE RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > These are the worst conditions for a bush or grassfire. > Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. > The safest place to be is away from high-risk bushfire areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Leaving high-risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. > Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass. > Know your trigger – make a decision about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – when you will leave – where you will go – how you will get there – when you will return – what you will do if you cannot leave.
EXTREME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. > If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions. > Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. > You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts. > If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high-risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option. > Be aware of local conditions. Seek information by listening to ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, or watch Sky News TV, visit cfa.vic.gov.au, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or via National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.
SEVERE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. > If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. > Well-prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. > You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Well-prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your Bushfire Survival Plan. > If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire-prone areas early in the day is your safest option. > Be aware of local conditions. Seek information by listening to ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, or watch Sky News TV, visit cfa.vic.gov.au, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or via National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.
VERY HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.
HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Monitor conditions. > Action may be needed.
LOW-MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Leave if necessary.

KEY TO MAP



How will I know if there's a fire?

- On bad weather days it's your responsibility to be aware of what is happening.
- On bad fire risk days regularly look around and sniff the air for signs of smoke.
- Fires may start and build so quickly that early warnings may not be possible.
- **Monitor emergency broadcasters:** ABC 774AM, ABC 1026 FM, 93.7 Star FM, Sky News TV.
- Access the CFA FireReady app for iPhone, Blackberry, Android and Windows at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile.
- You may receive an emergency alert text message or land-line phone call if there is a fire which may impact in your area.
- Phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) 1800 240 667.

What should I do?

- **On Extreme or Code Red days it is recommended that you leave the night before or early on the day.**
- Leaving early is the safest option
- Have a FireReady plan.
- Be familiar with the recommended **Triggers** and **Actions** overleaf.
- **Know your neighbours.** Be aware of their capabilities and needs so you offer to help at short notice

Leaving early is the safest option

If you decide to leave early

Have a FireReady plan which includes:

- Know where you intend to go, eg. Family or friends, a major town, a shopping centre complex etc.
- Continue to monitor emergency broadcasters for updates.
- Tell family, friends and neighbours that you are leaving and where you are going.

Having a relocation kit:

- Protective clothing made from natural fibres Woollen blankets
- Water and medication Toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Mobile phone and charger Important documents
- First aid kit Cash, ATM/ credit cards
- Valuables and photos Battery powered radio



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If you decide to stay

You need a FireReady plan which addresses ALL of the following:

- Is your property prepared and defensible against direct flame attack, radiant heat and ember attack or do you have a safe place to go?
- Are you able and willing to actively defend your property?
- Do you have suitable and protective clothing?
- Are you prepared for the physical and psychological stress that you and your family may face if confronted by fire?

If you answer **no** to **any** of the above it is not safe to stay.

Where should I go?

- Is it a safe choice? You may choose somewhere that suits your personal needs and circumstances, e.g. a family member's house in an urban area with a backyard for your pet, or a shopping centre complex, or central business district of a large regional centre.
- If you don't have any other options, you may wish to consider the following locations: Mansfield, Benalla, Yea, Alexandra Seymour, Shepparton, Wangaratta
- If you have decided to stay or are unable to leave and your house comes under fire threat consider:
 - * Going to a neighbour's house if it is safer
 - * Going to an area with low fuel loads such as a sporting field. This is NOT a safe place but may be safer than your house
 - * If your FireReady plan fails and you have nowhere else to go the closest Neighbourhood Safer Place—Place of Last Resort (NSP) is the **Mt Buller Chalet Hotel, 207 Summit Rd Mt Buller, 3723.**

Neighbourhood Safer Places are places of last resort if your FireReady plans have failed. They are in locations that may provide some protection from direct flame and radiant heat, but they do not guarantee safety. NSPs are not an alternative to planning to leave early or stay and defend your property; **they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed.**

Emergency Information

In EMERGENCY Dial 000 (TTY 106)

Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL): 1800 240 667

Emergency Broadcasters: ABC 774AM, ABC 1026 FM, 93.7 Star FM, Sky News TV

Road closures: 13 11 70 or www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Park closures - Parks Victoria Hotline: 13 61 86

State forest closures (DSE): 13 61 86

School closures (DEECD): 1800 809 834

24 Hour Wildlife Emergency: 13 000 WILDLIFE
or 1300 094 535

24 Hour NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 60 60 24

Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort Management:
(03) 5777 6077 or www.mtbuller.com.au