

# The Tenant's Telegraph

Welcome to our first edition of the Tenant's Telegraph – we hope you find the monthly tenant's newsletter informative and helpful.

#### **Get Prepared for the Bush Fire Season**

### A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire

Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack. A well prepared home can also be easier for you or firefighters to defend, and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. A well prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

## Here are some basic maintenance tips to prepare your property:

- Clean your gutters of leaves and twigs
- Report any maintenance issues re: damaged or missing tiles on the roof to your PM
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained and watered
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water
- Check and maintain adequate levels of contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.

For more information go to: <a href="https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au">https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</a>



1. TRIM



2. MOW







3. REMOVE

4. CLEAR

5. PREPARE

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#### **Time to Check your Smoke Alarms**

It is a term of every Residential Tenancy Agreement that the tenant is responsible for replacing batteries in any smoke alarms during the tenancy or reporting faulty alarms. NSW Fire and Rescue provides a Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement Service for people over 65 or people with disability who have no-one to assist them. If you replace the batteries and you still have issues with your smoke alarms please contact your Property Manager.



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