

BUSHFIRE WARNING LEVELS

ADVICE

A fire has started, but there is no immediate danger. Stay alert and monitor your surroundings. Issued at 11am & 4pm unless the situation changes.

WATCH & ACT

A fire is approaching and conditions are changing. Put your bushfire survival plan into action. Either leave for a safer place, or— if you're well prepared get ready to actively defend your home.

Updated every two hours, unless the situation changes.

EMERGENCY WARNING

You are in immediate danger and need to act immediately to survive. Leave for a safer place if the way is clear. If you haven't prepared your home, your safest option is to leave.

Updated every hour, unless the situation changes.

ALL CLEAR

The danger has passed but you need to remain vigilant in case the situation changes.

For more information about what to do when warnings are issued visit:

WWW.DFES.WA.GOV.AU

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GREEN BAG FLAGGING VISIT:

<http://semc.wa.gov.au/publicationsandresources/>



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GREEN MEANS I'VE GONE



GREEN BAG EVACUATION FLAGGING IN XXX [INSERT NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA]

In a major emergency, you might be requested or choose to evacuate your property. You can alert emergency services that you have chosen to leave for a safer place by leaving a weighted down green bag at the front of your driveway.

INSERT
MAP OF LGA OR
SECTION OF LGA
USING GREEN BAG
SYSTEM AREA
HERE

Green Bag flagging is supported by the State Government's State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).

Q: What is Green Bag flagging?

A: Displaying a green bag at the front of your property during an emergency indicates to the authorities that you've already self-evacuated (Green means I've gone). This allows Police or other emergency authorities to prioritise checking on other properties where no green bag is displayed, thus saving time and potential lives. This system is particularly effective in semi-rural areas and has been used successfully overseas.

Q: When should I use a green bag?

A: Use a green bag as a flagging device when you're self-evacuating and when you are confident no other people remain at the property. You should only use the green bag flagging system when you have enough time to do so. Your life comes first.

Q: Where can I get a green bag?

A: You can purchase green bags from most supermarkets. There are also a limited number of green bags available from your Local Government office.

Q: Where should I put the green bag when I leave?

A: Put the green bag at the front of your driveway, where it can be clearly seen from the road. Weigh it down with a heavy item such as a rock or brick. Alternatively, tie it to a gate, letterbox or fencepost.



Q: If I evacuate, will my possessions be safe?

A: Emergency responders will be working in and around the area and it is likely anyone entering a marked property will be noticed and investigated. If time allows, lock your property when you leave.

Q: Why do we need this system?

A: Time is critical for successful evacuations in fast moving emergencies. Property-by-property checks by emergency authorities are time consuming, so the green flagging system allows them to move faster through an affected area. This could save lives! If the emergency authorities are confident you've left for a safer place, they can check other properties first.

Q: Should I wait until I'm told to evacuate?

A: During an emergency, the safest option is to evacuate early. Leaving at the last minute could be deadly. Take advice from emergency services personnel, and keep up-to-date by checking information from a range of sources.

Q: What if I'm disabled or have limited mobility and need to evacuate?

A: If you are disabled or unable to move easily, contact WA Police on 131 444 as soon as possible to let them know your circumstances. They will provide advice on what to do.

Q: Could they blow away or be burnt?

A: This is always a risk, but any flagging objects are subject to these issues. If the bags blow away or are damaged, the property will be checked as if it had not been flagged at all.

Q: How can I stay up-to-date during an emergency?

A: During an emergency, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services issues alerts and warnings through a variety of sources including:

- www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- 13 DFES (13 3337) Emergency Information Line
- ABC and 6PR radio
- Follow DFES on Twitter

