



GET BUSHFIRE AND EMERGENCY READY



Know your risk



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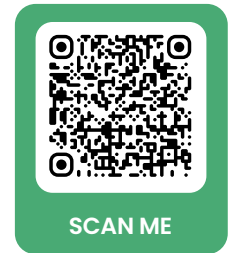
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Bushfire Ready

There are a range of ways to prepare your home for bushfire this summer

If you are considering the clearing of native vegetation as part of your preparations, it's important to know that a number of rules apply depending on your circumstance. Please take the time to review this complex framework, as fines can apply for the illegal removal of vegetation.

This is legislated by the NSW Government's *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.



Get more information on the NSW Government legislation

Options available – NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS)

Residents can manage the risk of bushfire on their property via the following:

➤ 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice

Get more information to the right.

➤ Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate

Get more information at rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/publications/hazard-reduction

Other options available

Via a tree/vegetation permit or development application

Clearing as part of an approved bushfire asset protection zone in accordance with an approved development consent.

Clearing that is not covered by a development consent and is below the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) thresholds needs a Vegetation Permit approval from Council unless the clearing meets an exemption.

Native Vegetation Panel

Clearing that is not part of a development consent and exceeds the BOS thresholds cannot be approved under a Council Vegetation Permit. The NSW Native Vegetation Panel is the approval authority in these cases.

Unsafe Plants in Non-rural Areas Code of Practice 2024

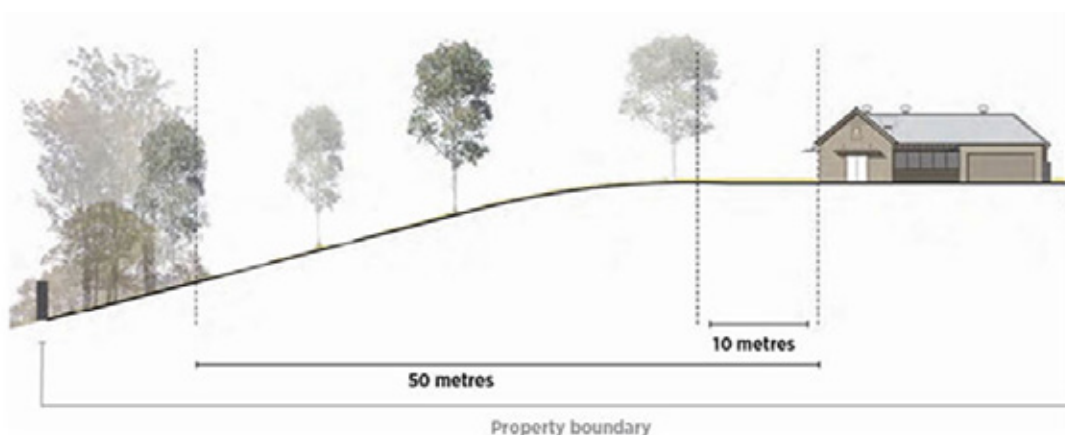
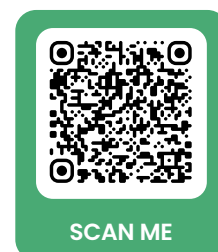
The Code authorises the picking of plants that pose an imminent risk to human life or property in non-rural areas, where development consent is not required. This includes the removal of plants that pose an imminent risk to human life or property from bushfire threat.

Plan and prepare: 10/50 vegetation clearing

The 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme gives people living near the bush an additional way of being better prepared for bushfires. The scheme allows people in a designated area to:

- Clear trees on their property within 10 metres of a home, without seeking approval; and
- Clear underlying vegetation such as shrubs (but not trees) on their property within 50 metres of a home, without seeking approval.

You can find out if your property is in a 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area using the NSW Rural Fire Service online tool.



Please note: Before clearing, check the RFS website and online tool on the day to confirm you're eligible under the 10/50 Scheme. Rules and entitlement areas can change and you must follow the rules in place at the time. FAQs and more information are also available on the RFS website.

Get more information regarding land and bushfire hazard management



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Get more information from the NSW RFS website, or contact their Penrith LGA (Cumberland Office)



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Check if any Council Vegetation Permit Exemptions Apply



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Contact the NSW Native Vegetation Panel through the Local Land Services Native Vegetation Panel Secretariat

Emergency Ready

Are you and your household prepared for an emergency?

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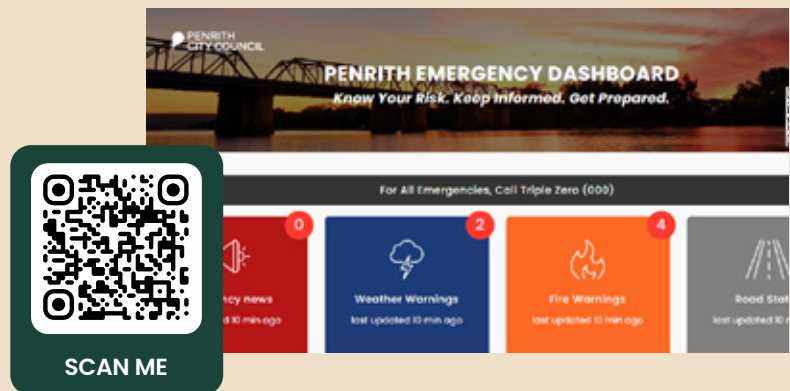
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In Penrith, we as a community have experienced natural disasters including, storms, flood, bushfire, and heatwave. These disasters impact on our every-day lives and create additional stresses on our finances, health, and wellbeing. It is important for you to know your risk, to keep yourself informed with the latest up-to-date information, and to be prepared for disasters and other emergencies. Being prepared can give you more control, make an emergency less stressful, and potentially reduce the impact on you and your household. Being prepared and having a plan can also assist you to recover more quickly and build your resilience to future emergencies.

Disaster Dashboard

It is important to keep informed leading up to, during and after a disaster or emergency. Penrith's Disaster Dashboard provides real-time information from emergency services during a natural disaster. The dashboard shows up-to-date information such as road closures, river heights and dam levels, health information, and fire and flood incidents. The dashboard also provides Get Ready information and resources to help you stay informed.



Create a plan for your household

Create your emergency plan now by downloading the Red Cross Redi Plan, or create and keep your emergency plan on your phone or device with the Get Prepared App. The Get Prepared App is a simple and effective tool to plan for emergencies.



Go Bag checklist

When an emergency happens, you may need to leave your home quickly. Having a bag of essential items packed and ready to go for yourself, your family and your pets is a must. Download the go bag checklist.



Visit Council's Emergency Ready webpage to download emergency ready resources to help you stay informed and better prepare for emergencies.



penrith.city/emergencyready

