

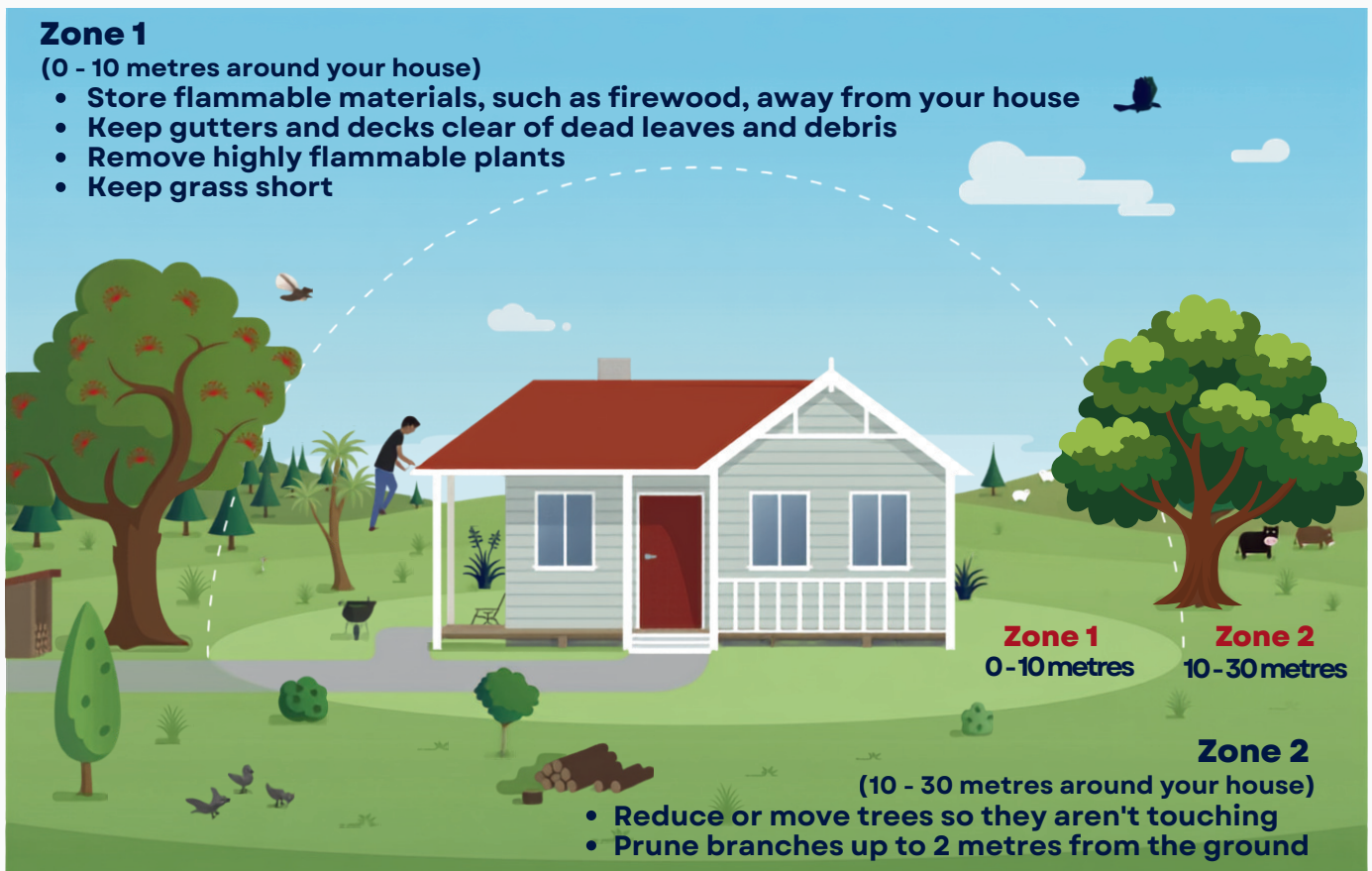
Rural Fire Safety Checklist

If you live outside a city, whether on a lifestyle block or in a rural area, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of wildfires for yourself, your property and your livestock or other animals.

- ☐ **Escape plan**
Design an escape plan for you and your family to get out of the house and off the property. Practice it regularly.
- ☐ **Access**
Make sure your driveway clearance is at least four metres wide and four metres high. Ensure there is adequate turning space for fire trucks and easy access to water.
- ☐ **Landscaping**
Keep the grass near your home green and mown. Select plant species that are more fire resistant.
- ☐ **Home maintenance**
Fires can start when embers from a burn pile land on your roof or under your house. Clean your gutters and make sure there is nothing flammable beneath the house.
- ☐ **Water source**
Ensure there is access to an adequate firefighting water supply as per the current code of practice.
- ☐ **Fire extinguishers**
Install dry powder extinguishers near heat and fuel sources in your home, and other dwellings.
- ☐ **Firewood**
Store your firewood and other flammable material away from the house.
- ☐ **Signs**
Make it easy for emergency services to find you by making sure your RAPID rural property identification number is on your signpost, and clearly visible from the road.
- ☐ **Sprinklers**
Sprinklers are the fastest way to suppress a fire. Consider installing a sprinkler system in your home. Modern sprinklers can be easily installed by a plumber and are less expensive than you might think.
- ☐ **Hay bales**
Hay must be completely dry before it is baled, stacked and stored with sufficient airflow. Moisture in a bale can decompose and heat up to cause a fire.
- ☐ **Fuel**
Safely handle and store liquid fuels and gas. Flammable substances must be stored away from ignition sources.
- ☐ **Machinery**
Make sure your machinery and equipment is properly maintained and in good working order. Check there are no birds' nests in or around your machinery, as they are a common cause of machinery fires.
- ☐ **Outdoor fires**
Visit www.checkitsalright.nz to find out the current fire season, fire danger, and the rules for the type of fire you want to light.

Reduce Your Risk

Create safety zones



Be informed

What can you burn?	What is the fire danger?	Do you need a permit?
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