

Prepare for Emergency in the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resorts



Alpine Shire Council, the Alpine Resort Management Boards, and the Alpine Community Recovery Committee are calling on residents to prepare for the upcoming fire season and help protect themselves and their community.

We are now seeking the help of the community to ensure you are prepared in the event of an emergency. As a property owner in the Alpine Shire or Alpine Resorts, now is the time to prepare.



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Plan and prepare

Having a well prepared and practised plan is critical to your survival during a bushfire. The following agencies have valuable resources available to ensure that you and your loved ones know what to do in the event of a bushfire.

Country Fire Authority (CFA)

The CFA is the control agency for fires on private land in Victoria. To ensure that all Victorians are prepared for the next bushfire, the CFA have developed resources to help you to determine the level of risk for you and your family, find targeted information specific to your local area, learn how to prepare your property effectively, and plan your survival in the event of an emergency.

Ensure that you are prepared for the next bushfire by visiting <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>.

Australian Red Cross

Red Cross is a humanitarian organisation, ready and on the ground when disaster strikes. Be ready for the next bushfire by creating a RediPlan, an emergency plan for you and your loved ones, and accessing the Red Cross Survival Kit Checklist, giving you a comprehensive list of everything you need to pack in the face of an emergency event.

Red Cross believe in taking one step at a time: **Step 1** Get in the know, **Step 2** Get connected, **Step 3** Get organised, and **Step 4** Get packing. Start preparing now by visiting <https://www.redcross.org.au/prepare>.

Tips for preparing for an emergency

1. Visit CFA Local to find information and advice specific to your local area <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-local-area-info-and-advice>
2. Create and revisit your Personal or Family Emergency Plan by visiting the CFA or Red Cross websites
3. Prepare your home and property using advice from the CFA's Guide to Property Preparation
4. Download the VicEmergency App from the App Store or Google Play
5. Store essential personal information on a USB stick or onto cloud software to take with you
6. Have your vehicle prepared with your emergency kit and first aid kit
7. Organise your accommodation and how you will get there
8. Check on your friends and neighbours

Tips for preparing your property

1. Understand your property's level of risk in relation to the environment around it
2. Mow grass to less than 10cm
3. Clear garden beds of weeds and dead vegetation
4. Prune overhanging branches from your trees and lower branches from your shrubs (in Alpine Resorts, pruning must be in line with native vegetation removal guidelines)
5. Remove all dry grass, leaves, twigs, and loose bark from your property
6. Remove flammable materials from your decks, porches, and verandahs
7. Store flammable liquids and woodpiles away from your house
8. Keep your gutters clear of litter and ensure your drains are free of debris

For comprehensive information about how to prepare your property, visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>

Know the difference between Relief Centres and Neighbourhood Safer Places

Relief Centres are established on a short-term basis to provide basic needs for people displaced by an emergency event, including temporary shelter, food, and related emergency assistance. Relief Centres may not open for every event, with locations only advertised to the community after all details of the emergency situation are known. Locations of Relief Centres are determined by the Incident Control Centre.

Where possible, community members are encouraged to seek accommodation with family and friends.

Neighbourhood Safer Places (also known as Places of Last Resort) are only to be used when all other personal survival plans have failed. They provide shelter during the passage of a fire, but safety and survival cannot be guaranteed at these sites as support services will not be provided. Neighbourhood Safer Places will only offer minimum protection against radiant heat and embers.

Be aware of the following designated Neighbourhood Safer Places for the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resort communities.

- **Bright and Wandiligong** Pioneer Park and Oval
- **Dederang** Dederang Memorial Hall
- **Harrietville** Harrietville Hall
- **Mount Beauty** Mount Beauty Sports Stadium
- **Myrtleford** Ablett Pavilion and RC McNamara Reserve Oval
- **Porepunkah** Porepunkah Hall and Oval
- **Tawonga** Tawonga Memorial Hall

Drop into the Alpine Recovery Hub

The Alpine Recovery Hub is available to all members of the Alpine Shire and Alpine resorts. Coordinated by Bushfire Recovery Victoria, the Hub is a place where you can seek support from a number of different services in north-east Victoria to help you on your personal road to recovery.

The Alpine Recovery Hub is located at 8/3 Riverside Walk, Bright, and is open to walk-ins and organised appointments from 10am - 4pm Monday - Thursday and 10am - 2pm on Friday. Get in touch by calling **0429 529 700** or emailing alpinehub@brv.vic.gov.au.

Stay up-to-date on recovery and resilience in the Alpine Shire and Resorts

Receive a digital newsletter straight to your inbox with updates and information from Alpine Shire Council, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, and the Alpine Community Recovery Committee (CRC).



This monthly newsletter is released at the end of each month and provides recovery updates specific to the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resorts.

Sign up to the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter and Alpine Chat by scanning the QR Code.

Key Contacts

Call 000 in a life threatening emergency

Alpine Shire Council | 03 5755 0555
www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au

Falls Creek Resort Management
03 5758 1200 | www.fallscreek.com.au

Mount Hotham Resort Management
03 5759 3550 | www.mthotham.com.au

Access Essential Information

VicEmergency Hotline | 1800 226 226

The VicEmergency channels are the official Victorian Government methods of ensuring that you have access to timely information and warnings about a wide range of emergency events, including bushfires. Ensure that you are across any incidents in your watch zones by downloading the VicEmergency app via the App Store or Google Play.

<https://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond>

Regional Roads Victoria Hotline | 133 778

Access information about road closures in fire-affected communities by visiting VicTraffic, providing up-to-date details about road access
<https://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au>

Listen to Emergency Broadcasters

Alpine Radio | 03 5754 4554

96.5FM in the Kiewa Valley, 92.9FM in the Ovens Valley, and 94.5FM in Harrietville
www.alpineradio.com.au

ABC Goulburn Murray | 1300 147 222

106.5FM in the Kiewa Valley, 89.7FM in Bright, and 91.7FM in Myrtleford
www.abc.net.au/radio/goulburnmurray

Seek Mental Health Support

Alpine Health | 1300 514 811
www.alpinehealth.org.au/healthy-communities/mental-health

LifeLine | 13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

For a comprehensive list of local mental health services available for you, please visit
www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-resource-guide



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