

We're working with the CFA

Wannon Water works closely with the CFA in the event of a bushfire so that:

- **Firefighters can quickly locate fire hydrants**
- **Firefighters have the best access to available water supplies**
- **Disruptions, or low pressure, to customers connected to our reticulation system are minimised**

Wannon Water has crews on standby to make urgent repairs to water mains and hydrants if necessary.

Water restrictions during a bushfire

Water restrictions do not apply if a fire is threatening your property.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water available throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted. A good idea is to keep jugs of water in your fridge.

For further advice

For information and advice on preparing your family and home for the bushfire season, we recommend you consult the CFA.

Contacts during a bushfire

Emergency	000
CFA & DSE Bushfire Information	1800 240 667
VicRoads road closure information	131 170
Wildlife rescue	1300 094 535
State Emergency Services (SES)	132 500

Information during a bushfire

- ABC Radio 774 AM
- Your ABC Local Station
- ACE radio
 - Coast FM 95.3 FM
 - 3YB 1882 AM
 - Mixx FM 88.9 FM (Hamilton)
 - Mixx FM 93.7 FM (Portland)
 - 3HA 981 AM
- Bushfire information line - 1800 240 667
- CFA website - www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- DSE website - www.dse.vic.gov.au
- Media outlets across the state

Further information

Wannon Water
1300 926 666
www.wannonwater.com.au



Bushfires and your water supply

Every summer, as the weather becomes hotter and vegetation dries out, our region experiences a high fire danger period.

Wannon Water prepares for the bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee water pressure or an uninterrupted water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire.

When making your fire plan, be prepared with an independent water supply.



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State of preparedness

Wannon Water prepares for the bushfire season by readying our people and our pipe networks to cope with extreme conditions.

Our initiatives include:

- **Clearing of land and access tracks within and around storage areas and catchments**
- **Back up generators at key sites, including major pumping stations and water sources**
- **Transportable generators for deployment as required**
- **Access to groundwater bores to supplement supplies for the Otway and Southern Grampian's Catchments**
- **Access to water carters to transport emergency water supplies should the need arise**

Despite these efforts, extreme circumstances may prevent Wannon Water from maintaining water pressure or an uninterrupted water supply during a bushfire.

Loss of electricity may cause our pumps, which transfer water across the region, to fail.

Extreme increased demand for water from residents and the CFA during a bushfire may cause a reduction in pressure throughout our pipe networks.

We recommend you consult the CFA about preparing your family and home for a bushfire.

Adopt a hydrant

In the event of a fire it is essential that firefighters have quick and easy access to water from the nearest fire hydrant.

Together with the CFA, Wannon Water asks that you "adopt a hydrant" and help maintain access at all times.

Simply keep an eye on the hydrant closest to your property — located on or near a nature strip either at or above ground level. All hydrants should be marked with blue reflective road markers.

It is important that hydrants are kept clear and visible at all times. You can assist in maintaining the hydrant nearest your property by:

- **Clearing soil, grass and shrubs from around the hydrant**
- **Keeping vehicles clear of the hydrant**
- **Reporting any visible faults, damage or missing marker posts to Wannon Water on 1300 926 666.**



Faded post
Overgrowth



Easily identifiable
Well maintained