



Static Water Supply (SWS)

During bushfires, firefighters often have difficulty getting enough water. There may not be enough water in the mains to fight a major bushfire. Static water supplies, such as swimming pools, tanks and dams, may be vital sources of water for firefighters.

ABOUT THE STATIC WATER SUPPLY (SWS) PROGRAM

The Static Water Supply (SWS) program is aimed at identifying properties with sources of water supply such as dams, creeks or swimming pools that can be used for firefighting purposes. In the event of a fire, the SWS sign and your water tank or backyard pool could save your home.

The SWS program is used to identify the location of swimming pools and other water sources in areas of high bushfire risk.

The backyard swimming pool provides an ideal emergency water supply for firefighters, using small portable pumps and hose lines, to protect your home and possessions. Your pool water will only be used as a last resort during major bushfires. The SWS sign is provided free.

If your house or property has a water source, such as a swimming pool, tank or dam, you can assist firefighters by prominently displaying a SWS plate at your property boundary so that it is readily visible from the road. Your voluntary inclusion in this program may assist the fire service to extinguish a fire should one occur in or near your home or a neighbour's home or property.

To sign up to the SWS program, contact your local fire station. To find your nearest fire station visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au and enter your suburb or postcode on the *Find a fire station* page.



PREPARING FOR BUSHFIRES



A Bushfire Survival Plan can help you make important decisions about what to do during a fire - like when to leave, what to take and what to do with animals. It also includes a wide range of planning and preparation activities that you can undertake which will dramatically increase the chances of you, your family and your home surviving in the event of a bushfire. Download your copy of the Bushfire Survival Plan and sit down and talk about it with your family so everyone knows what to do if a fire.

Visit <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan>

