

# Marysville FireReady Information

Marysville has an **EXTREME** bushfire risk due to being located in a valley surrounded by State and National Parks. Bushfires can be deadly and strike without warning. Planning and preparation can save lives. If you choose to live, work or visit areas of high fire risk it is vital to your safety to have a well developed survival plan for ALL days when hot, dry and windy conditions create a fire risk. Use this guide to help you and your family prepare.

## Note your districts Fire Danger Rating daily as your trigger to act

Marysville is in the North Central Total Fire Ban District

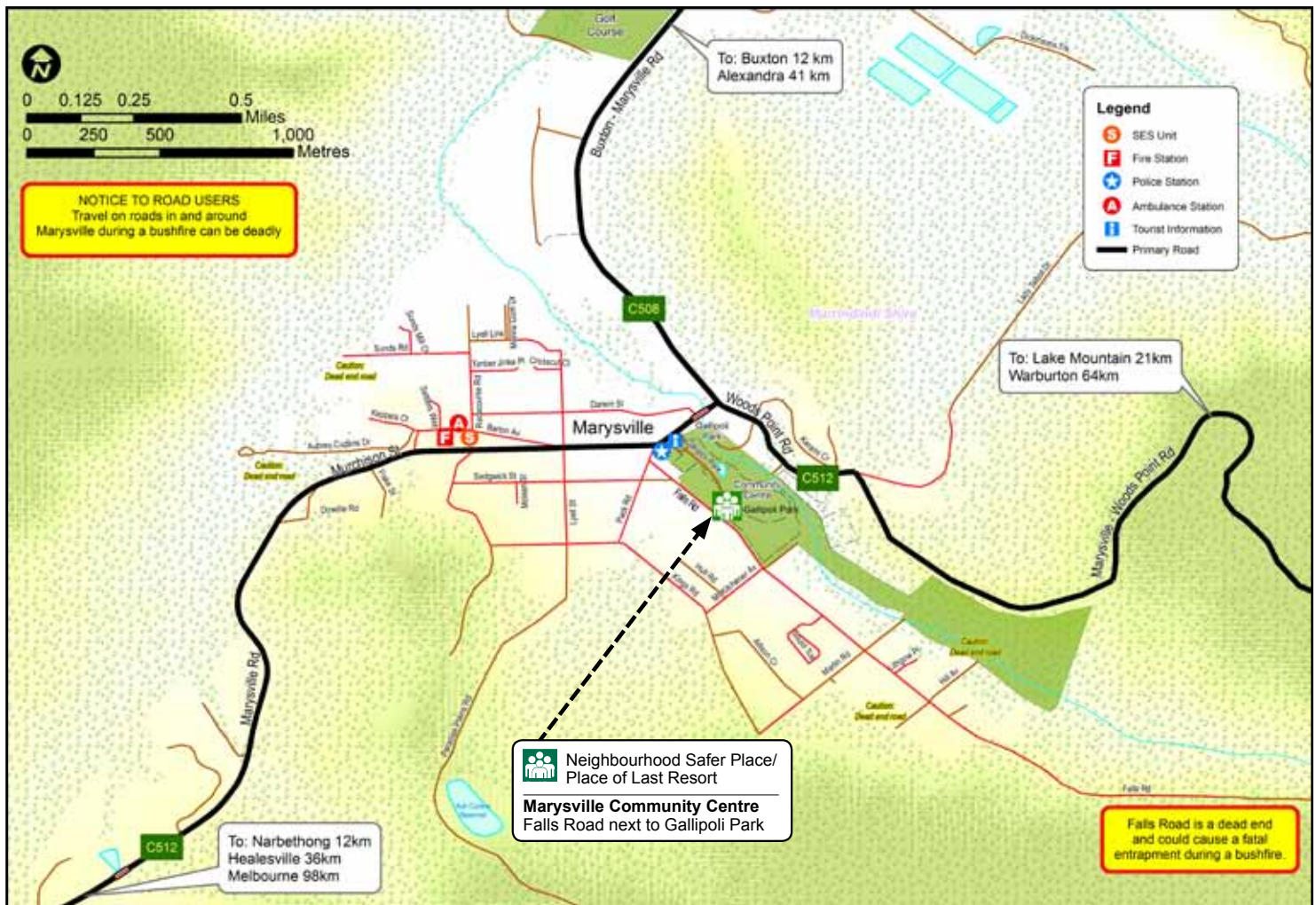


 Displays when a Total Fire Ban is in force



## Triggers

	What does it mean?	Actions
<b>CODE RED</b>	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.	Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass. Know your trigger. Make a decision about: –when you will leave –where you will go –how you will get there –when you will return –what you will do if you cannot leave
<b>EXTREME</b>	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option. Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au">www.cfa.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b> .
<b>SEVERE</b>	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan. If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option. Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au">www.cfa.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b> .
<b>VERY HIGH</b>	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.	Check your bushfire survival plan.
<b>HIGH</b>	Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk.	Monitor conditions.
<b>LOW-MODERATE</b>	Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.	Action may be needed. Leave if necessary.



## How will I know there's a fire?

- On bad fire days it's your responsibility to be aware of what is happening.
- On bad fire risk days regularly look around and sniff the air for signs of smoke.
- Fires may start and build so quickly that early warnings may not be possible.
- **Monitor emergency broadcasters:** UGFM 98.5 FM, UGFM 106.9 FM, ABC 774 AM, Sky News TV
- Access the CFA mobile website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile)
- Download the VicEmergency app if you have a smartphone or tablet  
Apple (App Store) and Android (Google play).
- You may receive an emergency alert text message or landline phone call if there is a fire which may impact in your area.
- A prolonged sounding of the **Marysville CFA siren** (up to 5 minutes) means an emergency is occurring that may impact on the local area. The siren may not be audible in all parts of Marysville and should be a trigger to seek further information from emergency broadcasters.
- Phone the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

## What should I do?

- **On Extreme or Code Red days it is recommended that you leave the night before or early on the day.**
- Leaving early is the safest option.
- Have a FireReady plan
- Be familiar with the recommended **Triggers** and **Actions** overleaf.
- **Know your neighbours.** Be aware of their capabilities and needs so you can offer help at short notice.

### Leaving early is the safest option

#### If you decide to leave early

##### Have a FireReady plan which includes:

- Know where you intend to go, eg. Family or friends, a major town, a shopping centre complex etc.
- Continue to monitor emergency broadcasters for updates.
- Tell family, friends and neighbours that you are leaving and where you are going.

##### Have a relocation kit:

- Protective clothing made from natural fibres  Woollen blankets
- Water and medications  Toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Mobile phone and charger  Important documents
- First aid kit  Cash, ATM/credit cards
- Valuables and photos  Battery powered radio



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#### If you decide to stay

##### You need a FireReady plan which addresses ALL of the following:

- Is your property prepared and defensible against direct flame attack, radiant heat and ember attack or do you have a safe place to go to?
- Are you able and willing to actively defend your property?
- Do you have suitable protective clothing?
- Are you prepared for the physical and psychological stress that you and your family may face if confronted by fire?

If you answer **no** to **any** of the above it is not safe to stay.

## Where should I go?

- Is it a safe choice? You may choose somewhere that suits your personal needs and circumstances, e.g. a family member's house in an urban area with a backyard for your pet, or shopping centre complex, or central business district of a large regional centre.
- If you don't have any other options, you may wish to consider the following locations: Alexandra or Healesville.
- If you have decided to stay or are unable to leave and your house comes under fire threat consider:
  - Going to a neighbour's house if it is safer,
  - Going to an area with low fuel loads such as a sporting field like **Gallipoli Park**. This is NOT a safe place but may be safer than your house.
  - If your FireReady Plan fails and you have nowhere else to go the closest Neighbourhood Safer Place - Place of Last Resort (NSP) is the **Marysville Community Centre located at Falls Road next to Gallipoli Park**.



Neighbourhood Safer Places are places of last resort if your FireReady plans have failed. They are in locations that may provide some protection from direct flame and radiant heat, but they do not guarantee safety. NSPs are not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; **they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed.**

## Emergency Information

**In EMERGENCY dial 000 (TTY 106)**

**VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226**

**Emergency Broadcasters:** UGFM 98.5 FM, UGFM 106.9 FM, ABC 774 AM, Sky News TV

**Road closures:** 13 11 70 or [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

**Park closures – Parks Victoria hotline:** 13 19 63

**State Forest closures (FFMVic):** 13 61 86

**School closures (DEECD):** 1800 809 834

**24 Hour Wildlife Emergency:** 13 000 WILDLIFE  
or 1300 094 535

**24 Hour NURSE-ON-CALL:** 1300 60 60 24

**Murrindindi Shire Council:** (03) 5772 0333  
or [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au)