

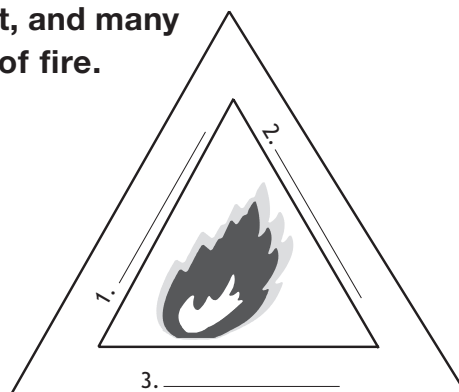
FIRE MANAGEMENT

Worksheet 38

Fires are a natural part of the Australian environment, and many native plants and animals adapt to different types of fire.

Fire needs 3 things to burn. Can you remember what they are? Label these 3 things on the fire triangle.

Although fires are a natural part of our environment, there are ways to reduce the risk and to help make fires less severe. One way to do this is by removing some of the fuels (e.g. wood, leaves) before the summer fire season starts.



List some of the ways that you could help to reduce the fuels from around your property before the bushfire season.

To reduce fuel in larger areas, such as forests or National Parks, planned burns are carried out. They are carried out by firefighters in spring or autumn, and are designed to copy the natural patterns of fire in the environment. Planned burns can help to manage fire, and reduce the impact of fires.

How do you think planned burns could help to reduce the impact of fire?

Why would burns be carried out during spring and autumn, and not in the hot or wet months?
