

Bushfire Recovery Assistance

A range of assistance measures are available to support people affected by bushfires. These are aimed at providing for immediate and short term needs, to support recovery from the bushfires across NSW.

Please note, a number of these measures have eligibility requirements.

Immediate emergency assistance – can be accessed through Evacuation Centres and Disaster Welfare Assistance Points.

Call 1800 018 444 or visit www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

Emergency Temporary Accommodation – short term housing support.

Contact the Housing Contact Centre on 1800 422 322.

Clean-up assistance – for the removal and disposal of residential bush fire debris including asbestos, concrete slabs and dangerous trees.

- Insured home owners – contact your insurance company or the Insurance Council of Australia on 1800 734 621.
- Uninsured home owners – contact Public Works Advisory on 1800 88 55 39.

Animal Welfare – provision of emergency fodder, stock water and stock assessment.

Contact Local Land Services on 1800 814 647.

Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Payment – \$1,000 per adult and \$400 per child for people severely affected by bushfires.

Contact Human Services on 180 22 66.

Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Allowance – short term income assistance for people severely affected by bushfires.

Contact Human Services on 180 22 66.

NSW Government Disaster Relief Grants – financial assistance for eligible individuals who have low income and limited assets.

Contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444.

Primary producer assistance – up to \$15,000 recovery grants (33 LGAs only), concessional loans and transport subsidies for eligible primary producers.

Contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Small business assistance – up to \$15,000 recovery grants (33 LGAs only), and concessional loans for eligible small businesses.

Contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Legal assistance – Legal Aid can provide free assistance on issues such as insurance policies, employment, tenancy, credit and debt.

Contact LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529.

Potable Water Assistance – replacement of potable water for residents not on town water supply where RFS has taken water or contaminated roofs with fire retardant.

Contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444.

Mental health and wellbeing assistance – 24/7 assistance for individuals.

Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511

Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Mensline - 1300 789 978

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

If someone is in immediate danger, call 000

Farm Gate counsellors – farmers and business owners in bushfire affected areas can access Farm Gate counsellors and peer support workers.

Contact the Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511.

Volunteer Firefighters' Financial Support – payments for eligible volunteer firefighters who are self-employed or employed by a small or medium business and have lost income.

Contact Service NSW at www.service.nsw.gov.au.

Sporting club assistance – concessional loans for eligible sporting clubs.

Contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Church and non-profit organisation assistance – up to \$15,000 recovery grants (33 LGAs only) concessional loans for eligible churches and non-profit organisations.

Contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Motor vehicle stamp duty relief – financial assistance for eligible motorists whose cars have been written off as a result of bushfires.

Contact the Office of State Revenue on 1300 139 814.

Replacement of documents – free replacement of licences, permits and certificates, including birth, marriage and change of name certificates and NSW Fair Trading permits and licences

Contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

Waste disposal – the levy for waste disposal has been waived in bushfire affected LGAs.

Contact your local council for more information.