

Letaba Fire Protection Association NPC

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Pre-Fire Season Preparation – Key Actions for Landowners

1. Firebreak Preparation

- Establish and maintain legal boundary firebreaks before the fire season deadline.
- Ensure breaks are wide enough (LFPA Rules), cleared, and safe to burn where burning is used.
- Coordinate firebreaks with neighbouring landowners to ensure continuity.
- Inspect and maintain breaks after strong winds or regrowth.

2. Equipment Readiness

- Service all firefighting vehicles, pumps, and slip-on units.
- Test hoses, nozzles, couplings, and tanks for leaks or faults.
- Ensure backup water supply is available.
- Check availability and quality of hand tools (beaters, rakes, fire swatters).

3. Communication Systems

- Test two-way radios and repeaters.
- Ensure correct radio channels and emergency contact numbers are programmed.
- Confirm WhatsApp fire alert groups are functioning.
- Join and share groups.
- Ensure staff know who to report fires to and how.

4. Firefighting Teams

- Identify trained firefighting personnel on each property.
- Conduct refresher training and safety briefings.
- Ensure protective gear (PPE) is available and in good condition.
- Brief teams on incident command and safety protocols.

5. Fuel Load Management

- Reduce excess grass and alien vegetation in high-risk areas.
- Prioritise clearing around:
 - Homesteads
 - Infrastructure
 - Power lines
 - Timber compartments
 - Tourism facilities
- Maintain defensible space around buildings.

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6. Access and Infrastructure

- Ensure roads and fire access routes are open and maintained.
- Clear vegetation from strategic fire control lines.
- Check that gates are accessible during emergencies.
- Confirm water points and dams are accessible to fire vehicles.

7. Fire Danger Awareness

- Monitor the Fire Danger Index system daily on LFPA group.
- Ensure all staff understand fire danger colour codes and restrictions.
- Abide by Fire Prohibition (August - October) rules.

8. Emergency Planning

- Update property fire management plans.
- Share maps of water points, access roads, and risk areas with teams.
- Confirm neighbour cooperation agreements.
- Ensure emergency contact lists are updated.

9. Legal Compliance

- Comply with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998 requirements.
- Maintain firebreaks as required by law.
- LPFA Rules.
- Ensure membership and cooperation with Letaba Fire Protection Association structures and reporting systems.

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