

Protecting your tank water

It's up to you!

Bushfire in Gippsland (it could be far away!)

Risk of ash on roof and in tank



Check water
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drinking

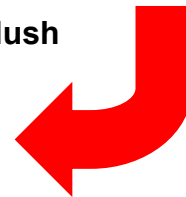


Your water supply

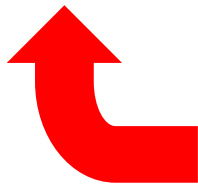


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tank diverter

Cover any open
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Let rain flush
your roof



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When bushfires threaten Gippsland

Follow these steps to prevent water tank contamination

- Take action anytime bushfires start in Gippsland — ash clouds can be a threat even when the fire is far away.
- Divert or disconnect your water tank's catchment pipe. Cover any open inlets. ie: the strainer.
- If you are away have someone organised to disconnect your tank for you.
- Monitor the bushfire — if there is ash on your car, it will be on your roof too!
- Leave the tank isolated until the fire is out.
- Wait for rain to wash your roof and flush the collection system — check the runoff is clear of ash.
- Reconnect collection pipe or switch off your diverter.
- Check water before you drink.
- Tank water is a private water supply and owners are responsible for replacing water even if its something out of their control.

For further information on diverting your water tank contact your local Registered Plumber or <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/Factsheets/after-a-fire-private-drinking-water-and-water-tank-safety>



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