

Greater Overberg Fire Protection Association

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MEMBERSHIP CHECKLIST:

Ensure that you are ready for the upcoming fire season, by checking this easy list.

Print it out, check yourself, and then keep this list safe to show you're prepared.

Contact the goFPA team if you need assistance completing this form and/or require assistance with compliance.

Reference in goFPA 2016 Rules	I understand	I don't comply yet, but am working towards it	I comply
3. My property			
My home and other buildings on my property have been made safe against fire.			
4. Fire Management Plan			
I've done my annual fire hazard assessment (deadline 30 September).			
I've shared my plan with my Fire Management Unit.			
5. Fire Danger Rating System			
I understand the daily fire danger rating system and follow its advice.			
6. Making small fires on my property			
My staff and I understand what is a fire-safe area and what is not (see Cooking/Warming fires in the goFPA rules)			
My staff and I don't make cooking/warming fires in unsafe areas, like near combustible material.			
My staff and I don't make cooking/warming fires on days when the fire danger rating is high.			

My staff and I never leave fires unattended and put out these fires with water afterwards.			
I have informed my staff and other contractors about how to make cooking/warming fires and how to extinguish them.			
7. Firebreaks			
My firebreaks are in place.			
My firebreaks are wide enough and long enough to help us stop or fight a wildfire (see Firebreaks in the goFPA rules to see our proposed widths for each vegetation type).			
My firebreaks won't cause soil erosion and are quite free of flammable material.			
8. Prescribed burning			
I have my burn permit before my burn.			
My neighbours and FMU leader know about my burn at least 24 hours before I light the fire.			
I have contacted my Fire Services the morning before the burn to get final permission.			
I ensure a responsible person is at the burn all the time.			
9. Fire-fighting requirements			
My staff and I have the right equipment, clothing and training as is reasonable for me (see Minimum Fire-Fighting Equipment in the goFPA Rules 2016 to what equipment is needed for the size of the property). Table included at end of checklist for your convenience.			
A responsible person is always around when I'm not, to help put out the fire and contact the Fire Service, FMU Leader and neighbours.			
10. Training			
My team and I have done our basic fire-fighting course and refresher courses.			
11. Reporting fires			
I have the Overberg Control Centre (028 425 1690)/Overstrand Fire and Rescue (028 312 2400) numbers on my phone and report fires to them, FMU leaders, goFPA and neighbours.			
12. My fire-fighting duty			
I do everything I can to stop a fire from spreading.			

I understand I can fight fire on other people's land to protect property, life and the environment.			
13. Incident command			
I hand over command of the fire to the Incident Commander (Fire Services) or his/her delegate when they arrive at the fire.			
I then follow the fire-fighting command structure.			
14. After a fire			
I patrol smoldering material within 5m of the perimeter of the extinguished fire, after the fire is put out.			
I do my best to attend debrief sessions by the FPO (Fire Protection Officer) and/or goFPA team.			
15. Communications			
I can communicate with my staff during a fire.			
The goFPA has updated contact details for me.			
16. Limitation of liability			
I understand I can't hold the goFPA liable for damage in doing their duty.			
17. Enforcement			
I understand the rules of goFPA can be enforced by the Fire Protection Officer or his/her delegate.			

Extract from goFPA Rules (2016 version) Paragraph 9: Minimum Fire Fighting equipment

Property Size (ha)	Bakkie Unit/spray cart Min 500 ℓ	Water tanker or stored water capacity Min. 1 000 ℓ	Water tanker Min. 2 000 ℓ
1 – 20	Avail. in 15 min*	Limited to an identified water source	NIL
20 -100	Avail. in 15 min*	1	NIL
100 - 500	1	1	NIL
500 – 1 000	1	1	NIL
1 000 – 4 000	1	NIL	1
4 000 – 10 000	1	NIL	1
Sawmill / Plantation	1	NIL	1

* Must have access to a unit on a pre agreement with neighbours or FMU