

The amount of wood used in traditional buildings, the closeness of the buildings and dry climate, all increased the risk of fire spreading rapidly through the village.

Before the water system was installed it was up to the local community itself to detect any dangers. The villagers of Sarreyer would take it in turns to walk around the village every evening to check for possible outbreaks of fire. A small stream ran through the village giving the villagers access to water which they used to fight fires and irrigate the surrounding land. Nowadays you can call 118 to call the fire brigade and water hydrants supply the trucks.