

## Wildfire Awareness Week

### Will your home survive a wildfire?

Choices you make can help!

**What kind of roofing material is on your house? Are the gutters clean?** Install metal, tile, concrete, or Class A fire-resistant rated asphalt roofing. Keep gutters and downspouts clear of pine needles and leaves.

**Are the eaves, fascias, and soffits enclosed? Does a balcony or deck hang over a slope?** Cover vents with non-combustible 1/8" mesh screening to block burning embers from entering the attic and interior of your home. Remove debris, firewood, and other items from under decking. Enclose decking with 1/8" screen mesh to keep out burning embers. Stack firewood away from structures.



**What kind of siding is on your house?** Use fire-resistant materials such as river rock, brick, metal, concrete, or stucco.

**Does your chimney have a spark arrestor?** Install spark arrestors in all chimneys. Remove tree branches within 10 feet of a chimney.

**Are the windows single pane? Which direction does the sliding glass door face?** Use tempered or multi-layered glass in windows, doors, and skylights. Install shutters made of fire-resistant materials to cover windows in the event of a wildfire.

**Is there a porch, garage, or wood fence attached directly to your home?** Store flammables such as gasoline, propane, and other flammable liquids away from your house in a metal storage shed.

**Are plants close to your home?** Remove dry vegetation within 30 feet of your home. Replace flammable plants with fire-resistant landscaping. Plant shrubs and trees at least 10 feet apart.

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