

Yes, you **CAN** protect your home from wildfire



Proven steps to make your home more fire-resistant.



HARDEN YOUR HOME

Most homes lost to wildfire are ignited by embers - not flames. Embers can enter small openings or land on flammable materials near your home. These steps reduce that risk.



Cover all vents with 1/8" metal mesh



Non-combustible 6 inches at the bottom of exterior walls



Enclose eaves to block ember intrusion



Upgrade to dual-pane, non-wood frame windows



Use metal guards to keep gutters clear of debris



Replace wood shake roof with a class-A fire rated roof



PREPARE YOUR YARD

The landscaping choices you make in your yard can help protect your home. A few thoughtful changes can go a long way in reducing risk.



Create a "Zone 0" (5 ft. ember resistant buffer)

Clear the area within 5 feet of your home of flammable materials.



Eliminate fire "ladders" - stacked plants that fire can travel up

Prune branches at least 6 feet off the ground. Avoid placing shrubs directly underneath trees.

EVERY STEP HELPS!

Overwhelmed? You don't have to do it all at once.

Each of these steps reduces the chance your home will ignite in a wildfire - and helps protect your neighbors too. Do what you can now - and make a plan for when you can tackle the bigger projects.

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