

**GIVE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY THE
BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING A WILDFIRE.
HARDEN YOUR HOME.
CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE.**



DEFENSIBLE SPACE ACTIONS

1. **Regularly clean your roof, gutters, decks, and the base of walls** to avoid the accumulation of fallen leaves and other flammable materials.
2. Remove all combustible materials from underneath, on top of, or within five feet of your home. **Use lawn and leaf bags for collection.**
3. **Replace wood mulch products** within five feet of all structures with **noncombustible products such as dirt, stone, or gravel.**
4. **Store combustible outdoor furnishings, retractable awnings, and umbrellas** away from your home when not in use.
5. **Store exposed firewood** at least 30 feet away from structures or completely **covered in a fire-resistant material.** Ensure a minimum of 10 feet of clearance, down to bare mineral soil in all directions, around wood piles.
6. **Remove all dead or dying plant materials** within 30 feet of all structures or to the property line.



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HIGH RISK

UNENCLOSED EAVES



DEFENSIBLE SPACE NONCOMPLIANT



LOW RISK

ENCLOSED EAVES




DEFENSIBLE SPACE COMPLIANT



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HOME HARDENING ACTIONS

Follow this best-practices guide to make your home more ignition resistant when wildfire strikes.

1. Block any spaces between your roof covering and sheathing with **noncombustible materials** (bird stops).
2. Install a **noncombustible gutter cover** on gutters to prevent the accumulation of leaves and debris in the gutter.
3. Cover your chimney and stovepipe outlets with a **noncombustible corrosion-resistant metal mesh screen** (spark arrestor), with 3/8 inch to 1/2 inch openings.
4. Install **ember- and flame-resistant vents** with 1/16 inch to 1/8 inch metal mesh.
5. Buy fire- and heat-rated **caulking to plug gaps** greater than 1/8 inch around exposed rafters and blockings. This prevents ember intrusion into the attic or other enclosed spaces.
6. Inspect exterior siding for dry rot, gaps, cracks, and warping. **Caulk or plug gaps greater than 1/8 inch** in siding and replace any damaged boards, including those with dry rot.
7. Install **weather stripping to gaps greater than 1/8 inch** between garage doors and door frames to prevent ember intrusion. The weather stripping must be **compliant with UL Standard 10C**.
8. When it's time to replace your windows, replace them with **multipaned windows** that have **at least one pane of tempered glass**.
9. When it's time to replace your siding or deck, use **compliant noncombustible, ignition-resistant**, or other Office of the State Fire Marshal Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Products. 
10. Cover openings to operable skylights with noncombustible metal mesh screen with openings in the screen not to exceed 1/8 inch.
11. Install a **minimum of six-inch wide metal flashing**, applied vertically on the exterior of the wall at the deck-to-wall intersection to protect the combustible siding material.
12. When it is time to replace your roof, replace it with a **Class A fire-rated roof**.

ACTION 2



ACTION 5



ACTION 8



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