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# Wildfires

You can help defend your property from wildfire damage with a little bit of work over the weekend.

## Remove

- Dry vegetation, such as dead grass and leaves WITHIN 30 FEET of home
- Tree branches within 10 feet of chimneys
- Branches within 6-10 feet of the ground
- Firewood within 50 feet of structure
- Thick beds of pine needle within 10 feet

## Cover

- Chimneys, attic, soffit vents and elevated wood decks with a non-combustible screening of 1/4 inch or smaller mesh

## Plant

- Native, fire-resistant vegetation
- All trees and shrubs at least 10 feet apart

## Maintain

- A healthy, watered defensible space of lawn and plants at least 30 feet around the structure
- A legible and clearly marked street number
- A 12' (width) x 15' (height) driveway clearance for fire engines

## Install

- Roof covering material with a Class A fire-resistive rating
- Spark arresters in all chimney outlets
- Skirting around mobile homes

Maintain an emergency water supply within 1,000 feet of your home through one of the following:

- Community water/hydrant system, and/or
- Drafting site on a lake
- Cooperative emergency storage tank with neighbors
- Swimming pool

Remember, if under a wildfire threat, only remove dead leaves or vegetation when local garbage collection services will have time to pick up the debris. Do not burn vegetation without following local requirements.



Protect your home in a **FLASH** with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes!

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