

Protect Your Home From **Wildfires**



Wildfires can devastate communities—destroying thousands of homes each year. Nevertheless, there are precautions that you can implement to slow or even interrupt the path of a wildfire near your property. Follow these steps to help protect your home from wildfires.



Build smart.

Be sure to select a fire-resistant roofing material—such as slate, metal or clay. Choose a safe material for your home’s siding as well, such as fiber cement. Repair or replace these materials when necessary.



Keep it clean.

Routinely clear your roof, gutters and surrounding property of any fallen branches, leaves or dead vegetation, as these materials can fuel a wildfire. Safely store firewood and other fuel sources at least 50 feet away from your home.



Have an emergency water supply.

Fire hydrants, storage tanks, pools and ponds are all acceptable emergency water supply sources. Clearly label these sources to help first responders locate and use them during a wildfire.



Ensure safe landscaping.

Plant vegetation that is drought- and wind-resistant, native to the area, and slow-growing on your property. Keep plants safely spaced from both your home and one another to stop flames from spreading as easily. Mow the lawn and prune trees regularly.



Close windows and vents.

If you must evacuate your home due to a wildfire, close all windows and vents before you leave to help deter flames and embers from traveling indoors.



Secure adequate insurance.

Conduct a home inventory of your personal belongings and their value. From there, review your homeowners policy with your insurance agent to ensure you will be adequately covered in the event of a wildfire. Make coverage adjustments as needed.

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