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Wildfire Home Preparedness Checklist

Turn your home into a fire shield with these tips.

EXTERIOR

- [ ] Retrofit home with non-flammable building materials such as stucco or brick for exterior walls

- [ ] Replace wood roofs with non-flammable building materials including asphalt shingles

- [ ] Install spark arresters in chimneys

- [ ] Apply non-combustible screens to all vent or eave openings

- [ ] Do not connect wood fencing directly to your home

- [ ] Install and maintain an irrigation system such as outdoor sprinklers

- [ ] Remove any flammable vegetation or materials at least:
  - Five feet from your home and driveway
  - 10 feet from the road, and

- [ ] Establish and maintain a 100-foot safe zone around your house that will act as a fuel break
  - The 30 feet closest to the home should be green and clean landscaping with no flammable plants
  - The next 70 feet should have thinned vegetation, removing flammable plants and brush

- [ ] Remove any dead overhanging tree branches above the road and building structure roof(s)
  - All trees should be at least 10 feet from any dwelling and at least 18 feet apart in your home's intermediate zone, and 12 feet apart in the extended zone

- [ ] Clear roof surfaces, gutters and eaves of leaves, pine needles and branches regularly to avoid accumulation of flammable materials

- [ ] Keep trees and shrubs pruned

- [ ] Remove dead or dying trees and plants on or near your property

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EXTERIOR (Cont.)

- [ ] Store flammable liquids away from occupied buildings

- [ ] Move flammable and combustible items such as propane tanks, firewood, picnic tables and boats at least 50 feet away from your home and other structures

- [ ] Check hoses and sprinkler systems to ensure you can spray your roof and exterior walls with water
  - Make sure a ladder is accessible for hard to reach areas

- [ ] Locate an easily accessible external water source, such as a pool, small pond or water storage tank and put up signage "emergency water source" for first responders

- [ ] If your main water source is a well, install an emergency generator to operate the pump in case of a power failure

- [ ] Make sure your street address is visible from the street

- [ ] Your driveway should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of at least 15 feet high

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INTERIOR

- [ ] Remove plants or any combustible items near windows or doors as embers can enter through gaps

- [ ] Store fire extinguishers in:
  - Kitchen
  - By front and rear exits of the house
  - At least one on each floor, if your house has multiple stories

- [ ] Have fire extinguishers inspected and certified annually by a fire protection equipment company

- [ ] Train your family how to use the fire extinguishers

- [ ] Locate and make note of the gas, water and electricity main shut-off controls, and learn how to safely shut them down
  - Keep an emergency gas and water shut-off tool near the shut-off valves

- [ ] Create a detailed home inventory – document and save valuable possessions through photos or videos and digitally back up in a secure Cloud storage site

- [ ] Assess your insurance coverage annually, including updating your home inventory and letting your agent know about home renovations