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Wildfires

You can help protect your property from wildfire ignition with a little bit of weekend work during fire season.

Remove

- Fine (dead grass, leaves, etc.) and coarse fuels (dead twigs, branches, etc.) WITHIN 30 FEET of buildings
- Dry leaf/pine litter from roofs, rain gutters, decks and walkways
- Tree branches (ladder fuels) within 6-10 feet of the ground
- Firewood within 30 feet of structures
- Continuous beds of combustible vegetation, on the ground or in tree tops, that will lead fire within 100 feet of your home

Plant

- Native, fire-resistant vegetation (check with your forestry agency)
- Fire prone trees and shrubs away from your home and far enough apart so they won't ignite one another

Maintain

- A lean, clean and green landscape at least 30 feet around the structure
- A legible and clearly marked street number

Install

- Noncombustible 1/4 inch or smaller mesh screening on chimney outlets, attic/soffit vents, and around elevated wood decks
- Metal skirting around mobile homes

BIGGER JOBS

Install

- Fire-resistive rated (Class A, B, or C) roof assemblies
- Fire-resistive building materials on outside walls

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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