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Summer Safety

Weekend Projects for Wildfire Preparedness

The time to prepare for **wildfires** is now.

There has never been a more critical time to ensure your home and property are prepared for wildfire season.

4.8M

U.S. homes at high or extreme risk of wildfire¹

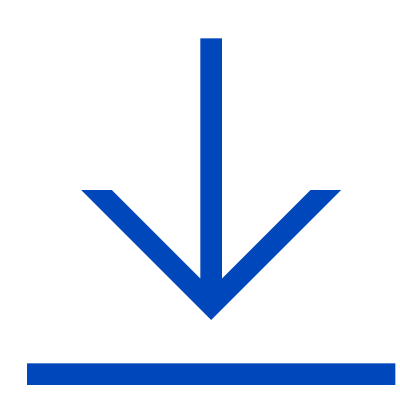
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at-risk homes in California alone¹

4,596

more fires in 2021 from Jan. 1 to Aug. 16 as compared to 2020²

Research over the past decade has shown that one of the key ways to lower the risk to structures in the path of wildfires is to create a fuel-free space around your home **which reduces the opportunities for ignition.**



Help reduce your wildfire risk with these simple do-it-yourself steps:

1.



Source: Photo courtesy of NFPA (www.nfpa.org)

Choose ember-resistant landscaping

Create a buffer zone in the immediate five feet around your home with hardscaping, noncombustible mulch materials and fire-resistant plants.

2.

Clear out combustible materials

Remove dead vegetation and accumulated dry debris from your roof, skylights, gutters, yard and decks—including any items underneath your deck.



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3.



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Store items indoors or far away

Do not store firewood, lumber or other combustibles near your home. Move RVs, trailers and other belongings at least 30 feet from the home.

4.

Add or upgrade your vent screens

Keep flying embers from entering your home through attics, roof gables and crawlspaces by installing and maintaining 1/8 inch metal screens inside all vents.



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5.



Work with your neighbors

Talk to your neighbors and work together to repair or remove any fences that overlap to eliminate gaps where debris and embers can accumulate and ignite.

Together, these weekend projects will help give your home a much better chance of surviving an encounter with wildfire. Don't forget to **review your insurance policy** to make sure you're covered in the event of a wildfire and create a home inventory to assist in the claims process.



At Nationwide, we go the extra mile to help you with wildfire safety and preparedness. For additional ways to make your home more resilient to wildfires, visit our partners at the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety at **disastersafety.org/wildfire**.

1. Wildfire Risk Analysis, Verisk, 2020
2. National Interagency Fire Center, 2021

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