

# Residential Safety Checklist

**BE PREPARED.** 

*Tips to Help Your Family and Property Survive During a Wildland Fire*

## HOME

**YES NO**

- Does your home have a metal, composition, or tile (or other non-combustible) roof with capped ends and covered fascia?
- Are the rain gutters and roof free of leaves, needles and branches?
- Are all vent openings screened with 1/8 inch (or smaller) mesh metal screen?
- Does the house have non-combustible siding material?

**YES NO**

- Are the eaves “boxed in” and the decks enclosed?
- Are the windows made of at least double-paned or tempered glass?
- Are the decks, porches and other similar areas made of non-combustible material and free of easily combustible material (e.g. plastic furniture)?
- Is all firewood at least 30 feet from the house?
- Are approved spark arrestors on chimneys?

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## DEFENSIBLE SPACE

**YES NO**

- Is dead vegetation cleared to the recommended defensible space area? (Consider adding distance due to slope of property.)
- Is there separation between shrubs?
- Are ladder fuels removed?

**YES NO**

- Is there a clean and green area extending at least 30 feet from the house?
- Is there a non-combustible area within five feet of the house?
- Is there separation between tree limbs and undergrowth?

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## EMERGENCY ACCESS

**YES NO**

- Is the home address visible from the street?
- Is the home address made of fire-resistant materials?
- Are street signs present at every intersection leading to the house?

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- Are street signs made of fire-resistant materials?
- Is flammable vegetation cleared within 10 feet of the driveway and are overhanging obstructions removed?
- If a long driveway is present, does it have a suitable turnaround area?