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# 5 Simple Practices for a Safer Home

Wildfire prevention starts with simple steps at home—but the impact reaches far beyond your front door. It takes a village to be fire-ready and it starts with a commitment from each homeowner to do their part. These five practices are designed to help protect your home while contributing to a stronger, more resilient neighborhood. From defensible space to fire-smart materials and landscaping, each action helps reduce risk for the entire community.

## 1. Create and Maintain Defensible Space

Being fire safe starts with a clear, maintained perimeter around your home.

## 2. Maintain Your Home to Keep It Fire Safe

A fire-ready community starts with homes built to meet stringent fire safe standards—like fire-resistant siding, roofing and vents.

## 3. Clear Roofs, Gutters & Under Decks

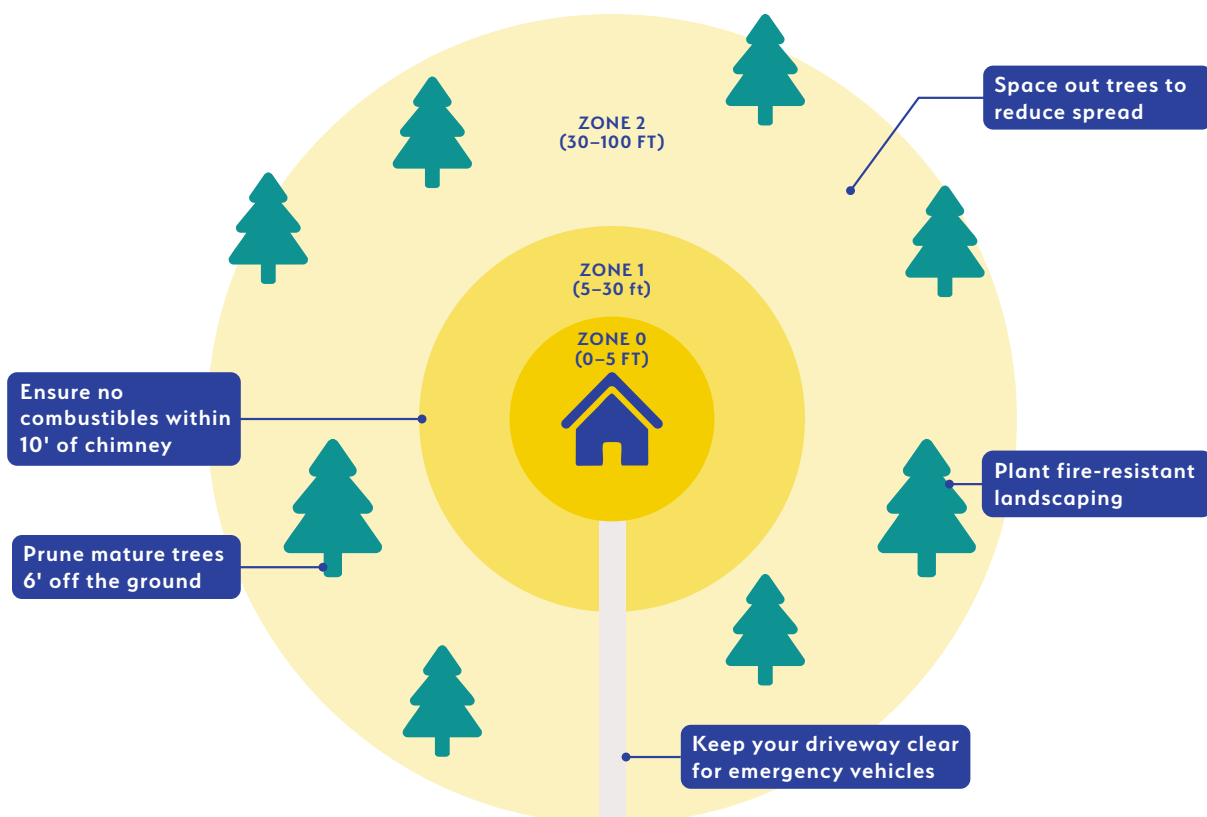
Keep embers out of your home—and the homes next door—by removing dry debris.

## 4. No Fuel. No Fire: A Simple Step with Big Impact

Protect your home and your neighbor's home by keeping the first five feet around your house free of anything that can burn.

## 5. Install & Maintain a Fire-Ready Yard

Plant with purpose using fire-smart landscaping and regular seasonal maintenance.





## 6.1 Ember Resistant Zone 0 – Lot Owner Maintained

(NOT SHOWN ON THE FUEL MODIFICATION PLAN MAP)

### Defined

Zone 0, a.k.a. an ember-resistant zone, is part of what is commonly called the defensible space zone and shall be an area free of all combustible materials including plants. It is located within five feet of all buildings, structures, stairways and decks. The intent of this zone is to significantly reduce the probability of fire coming in contact with a structure, especially from accumulating wind-blown embers and combustibles located around the base of each home. The lot owner is responsible for its maintenance. Within this zone the goal is to establish and maintain the area per the requirements described below.

### Zone 0 Requirements

- Shall not contain combustible natural fiber, wood or rubber mulch.
- Absent of artificial turf.
- Shall not contain combustible fences or gates.
- Shall not contain combustible decorative items and outdoor furniture.
- Shall not contain firewood piles regardless of the diameter or dimension of the wood stored.
- No plants shall be planted in Zone 0.
- Clear of yard maintenance equipment with flammable components.
- Absent vehicles of any kind.
- Absent of exercise or fitness equipment with combustible components.
- Absent of any item that in whole or in part has an ignition temperature less than 900 degrees F or 500 degrees C.
- Shall contain noncombustible materials such as bare ground, decorative rock, gravel, decomposed granite, concrete, pavers, statuary or water features.

### Required Maintenance

- Remove any combustible material monthly within Zone 0 including all dead vegetative matter.
- Remove any combustible material quarterly in rain gutters located above Zone 0.
- Remove vehicles of any kind, exercise equipment yard maintenance equipment that are stored within Zone 0.
- **Exception:** Does not apply to automobiles or pickup trucks parked in a driveway.
- Remove any item that in whole or in part has an ignition temperature less than 900 degrees F or 500 degrees C including holiday decorations.