



24 Hours to Success

Flying embers and creeping ground fires are significant contributors to the loss of homes to wildfires.

Listed below are some things you can do to greatly help your home's survivability during a wildfire threat. These tasks can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time (24 hours or less) with very little, if any, cost to the homeowner.

- 1 Remove needles and leaves from your home's roof and rain gutters. These can ignite easily and quickly spread fire to your home.
- 2 Rake and remove flammable debris (dead grass, pine or fir needles, etc.) from around your home and outbuildings. Pile this material at least 30 feet away from your home.
- 3 Remove flammable materials from around wooden decks or walkways. Fire has been known to slowly burn the length of a deck or porch to ignite a home.
- 4 Move all firewood at least 30 feet away from your home. Woodpiles can cause a very intense fire.
- 5 If you have a wooden fence attached to your house, remove the sections connected to the house to reduce the risk of the fence acting as a wick and bringing fire to your house.
- 6 Move flammable deck furniture a safe distance away from your house (30 feet).
- 7 Cover all vents (roof or foundation) with a fine mesh screen (1/8th inch or less) to prevent sparks or embers from being blown in or under your home.
- 8 Remove flammable materials from around any propane, oil or fuel tanks.

In The Event of An Evacuation

In addition to the tasks listed above, you should also try the following:

- 1 Place a sprinkler on your roof, but do not turn it on until the fire's arrival is imminent. This will help conserve water for use by the fire department.
- 2 Connect hoses to all spigots. This will assist firefighters when they arrive.
- 3 Close all windows and shutters. Remove flammable curtains.

These small tasks can greatly increase the chance of your home surviving when a wildfire threatens. Please take the time — **MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**