

# WILDFIRE CHECKLIST

**YOUR HOME  
OR BUSINESS**

**REQUIRED ACTION  
OR RETROFIT**

**RELATIVE  
COST**

**ROOF COVERING** - Your roof, both in terms of its covering and design, is the most vulnerable part of your home or business when considering exposure to wildfire.

1. Do you have a non-combustible or Class "A" roof?	A professional roof inspection can help determine this. If not, replace your roof covering with a Class "A" fire-rated covering. Many styles are available.	\$\$\$\$
2. Do you have a tile or metal roof? If yes, are the gaps between covering and roof sheathing, which can occur at the edge and ridge, filled with either a bird stop or other material to seal the openings?  Are there other roof openings?	Install bird stops.  Plug any roof openings that are not functioning as vents.	\$-\$
3. Do you have combustible siding where a lower level roof meets and on the upper level roof or wall?	Replace siding with a more fire-resistant material.	\$\$-\$\$\$\$
4. Has vegetative debris accumulated on your roof?	Ember accumulation at the roof-wall intersection increases the risk of fire exposure, particularly if combustible siding is present. The problem is exacerbated with a buildup of debris. Routinely remove debris from the roof. Consider hiring a professional to help with this task.	FREE

**VENTS** are vulnerable to wind-blown embers and flames from nearby vegetation, combustible siding that has ignited or if combustible materials are stored nearby that could potentially catch on fire. Maintaining appropriate defensible space will help minimize wildfire risks.

1. Are your vents covered with 1/8-inch mesh metal screens?	There are many types of new vents on the market that are designed to reduce the risks of wind-blown embers getting inside. Consider installing new vents; availability and styles will vary by region. A less expensive alternative is to attach a minimum of 1/8-inch mesh metal screens over existing vents.	\$
2. If your vents are not covered with metal screens, have you attached 1/8-inch mesh metal screens and have you prepared vent covers that can be easily installed when a wildfire is approaching?	Attach screens and/or prepare covers. Attaching a solid cover would provide additional assurance that large embers would be kept out of the attic or crawlspace. Since the primary purpose is to prevent embers from getting inside your vents, 1/2-inch plywood could be used. Keep the areas around the vents clear of vegetation and other combustible materials. Install covers before evacuation and remove them upon your return. Use caution when installing and removing covers over vents on higher floors.	\$















FENCES		
Does a fence come within 5 feet of your home or business, or come into direct contact with it?	Replace with a noncombustible fence or use noncombustible components such as heavy wire mesh in a wood frame. Non-combustible fencing (at least a 5-foot span) should be used in locations where the fence is directly attached to the building.	\$-\$\$\$
YARD STRUCTURES – Any fuel source, decorative or functional, within 30 feet of your home or business.		
Do you have any playground equipment, firewood, trellises or other yard features that could bring flames too close?	Combustible structures should be moved 30 feet to 50 feet from the home or business.	FREE



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