

**EASY REMEDIES
FOR STRUCTURE AND VEGETATION SITUATIONS
THAT CREATE THE GREATEST RISK IN A WILDFIRE SITUATION**

1. Keep corners and the deck-wall junction free of dried vegetative debris, such as leaves and needles.
2. Remove leaves and needles from roofs, gutters, and crevices on a regular basis.
3. Do not place bark mulch or other combustible mulch within 5 feet of the home and other structures.
4. Trim and maintain grasses and weeds to less than 6 inches in height.
5. Locate wood piles greater than 30 feet from the home and other structures.
6. Remove any flammable material stored on or under the deck, including vegetation.
7. Replace dryer vents that are plastic, lack louvers, or function poorly. Embers will enter the home through this route as the structure "breathes in" due to the pressure differential in a wildfire event.
8. Place 1/8-inch or smaller metal mesh screen behind wall or gable vents to reduce the probability of embers entering the structure during the blizzard of embers in a wildfire event.
9. Place 1/8-inch or smaller metal mesh screen behind vents and openings on eaves and soffits to reduce the probability of embers entering the structure during the blizzard of embers in a wildfire event.
10. Trim and remove brush or vegetation that could act as a "ladder" and allow fire to climb into larger trees or the structure itself.
11. Trim back vegetation, shrubs, and tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the structure.
12. Cut back trees and branches that touch or overhang the home or structures to at least 10 feet from the top or edge of the structure.
13. Remove landscape timbers, debris, or other combustible material present within 5 feet of the structure.
14. Replace combustible fencing attached to the structure with a 5-foot section of metal fence or a metal gate. Combustible fencing can act as a wick bringing fire into direct contact with the structure.
15. Maintain a smooth, clean, well-treated deck surface, including wood-plastic composite decks like Trex.

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