

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fire Prevention Bureau

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Wildland/Urban Interface Hazard Reduction

ATTENTION OCCUPANT: Following these guidelines may reduce the risk of structural damage or loss in the event of a wildfire.

1. Replace wood roofs with non-combustible roofing material (tile, composition, etc.).
2. Clear your surrounding property of brush, dry grass, and weeds 100 feet from structures (including dead/dying agricultural crops).
3. Remove orchards/groves within 30' of structures.
4. Trim trees 10 feet away from structures and remove leaves from roofs.
5. Limb-up flammable trees (eucalyptus, pine, olive, avocado, etc.) 6-10' from base.
6. Remove litter from under base of trees.
7. Replace wood siding with non-combustible material (stucco, brick, etc.)
8. Make roads & driveways accessible to fire equipment; 10-30' on each side and 13'6" of vertical clearance.
9. Post the property's address at the beginning of the driveway or on the building if it is easily visible from the road. Use 4" address numbers on contrasting background. On easements, post a listing of address numbers at the main road.
10. Cover your chimney outlet with a vertical spark arrester of 1/4" mesh screen.
11. Eaves should be boxed and the underside should be treated with fire-resistant material.
12. Garage doors should be metal and closed tightly when not in use
13. Attic and foundation vents should be screened with 1/8-inch galvanized mesh. Pre-cut fire-resistant covers should be installed when a wildfire is threatening
14. Wooden decks are discouraged, but, at the very least, should be treated with fire-resistant material. If possible, they should also be boxed or screened.
15. Fences should be masonry or metal.
16. Firewood piles and propane gas tanks should be at least 30 feet from any structure. Each should have a 10-foot clearance of flammable vegetation. Propane gas tank pressure relief valves should be directed away from structures and roads.
17. Remove flammable ornamental shrubbery within 30' of structures, including pine, eucalyptus, palms, cedar, fir, acacia, cypress, spruce, pepper tree, juniper, buckwheat, sage, chamise, bamboo, arundo.