



GET YOUR YARD WILDFIRE-READY

YOU CAN REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK!



MAKE YOUR YARD LEAN

FOCUS ON PLANT SPACING


Vertical Spacing: Keep grass short and tree branches high to separate by at least 10 ft. This reduces "ladder fuels", which are hazardous pathways for fire to travel from the ground up to tree canopies, where they are spread fast and far by wind.

Horizontal Spacing: Reduce wildfire's ability to spread by separating vegetation into clusters that are separated by 10 ft. of space in between. Position these clusters as far away from homes and structures as possible.



KEEP YOUR YARD GREEN

FOCUS ON KEEPING PLANTS HEALTHY & HYDRATED



Healthy, hydrated plants are slower to ignite than dry or dead plant material. Keep your yard watered. Remove all dead and dry vegetation. Consider replacing plants that drop leaves or need a lot of water with plants that are more drought-tolerant. This will help reduce maintenance, save water and money, and mitigate fire risk too! Many native plants and succulents are perfect choices for low maintenance and drought-tolerance.



KEEP YOUR YARD CLEAN


FOCUS ON REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is a key to sustained wildfire risk reduction. Develop a yard maintenance schedule that priorities mowing grass, trimming low tree branches, and removing leaf/needle piles, dry and dead vegetation, and plants parts that are touching the home structure. Sweep your steps and pathways, too!

USE NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS

FOCUS ON REDUCING FLAMMABLE OBJECTS & MATERIALS

In addition to plants, think about what else is in your yard. How might it catch fire OR lead fire right to your home? Now take action: Relocate all burnable materials as far as you can from your home or remove them altogether. As you build, remodel, or add features in your yard (fences, decks, patios, dining sets, dog houses, etc.), choose those made from non-combustible materials like stone or metal.



WHERE TO START?

FOCUS 0-5 FEET FROM YOUR HOUSE, THEN WORK YOUR WAY OUT

Take your first actions close to your home and then work your way out into your broader yard. This will provide the most protection right away. And remember, maintenance is key!

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