## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Clear Debris from

Regularly remove debris

from roof, since it can be

ignited by wind blown

embers.



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Wood products, such as boards, panels or shingles, are common siding materials. However, they are combustible and not good choices for fireprone areas.

Maintain Defensible Space

Clearance from all structures shall be 100°. All brush shall be mowed to stubble height not to exceed 3". All cuttings shall be removed from the property.

Maintain Landscape Spacing

Trees, shrubbery or ground covers shall be spaced a min. of 15' from other specimens. All trees shall be trimmed 5' from ground or 1/3 of the height, whichever its less.

Use a class A Roof Coverin

Class A fire rated roofing products offer the best protection for homes.

> Clean Out Gutter Regularly

Keep debris out of gutters, which can be ignited by wind blown embers. If used, gutter covers should be non-combustible.

Reduce Fence Risk

Burning fencing can generate embers, and cause direct flame contact to your home. Use noncombustible fences and gates.

Protect Window

Use multi-pane, tempered glass windows, and close them when a wildfire threatens.

Keep Embers out of Eaves and Vents

Use 1/8" mesh to cover vents, and "box-in" open eaves to create a Soffitted eave.

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with California Codes for construction in the WUI Zone, remove combustib under deck and provide Defensible Space.

Use deckboards that comply

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REQUIRED

RECOMMENDED

Building & Living in the Wildland Urban Interface Zone (WUI Zone)

## **READY, SET, GO!**

## Residential Safety Checklist Tips To Improve Family and Property Survival During A Wildfire

	Home	Yes	No	
1.	Does your home have a metal, composition, or tile (or other non-combustible) roof with capped ends and covered fascia?			
2.	Are the rain gutters and roof free of leaves, needles and branches?			
3.	Are all vent openings screened with $^{1}/_{8}$ inch (or smaller) mesh metal screen?			
4.	Are approved spark arrestors on chimneys?			
5.	Does the house have non-combustible siding material?			
6.	Are the eaves "boxed in" and the decks enclosed?			
7.	Are the windows made of at least double-paned or tempered glass?			
8.	Are the decks, porches and other similar areas made of non-combustible material and free of easily combustible material (e.g. plastic furniture)?			
9.	Is all firewood at least 30 feet from the house?			
	Defensible Space	Yes	No	
1.	Is dead vegetation cleared to the recommended defensible space area? (Consider adding distance due to slope of property.)			
2.	Is there separation between shrubs?			
3.	Are ladder fuels removed?			
4.	Is there a clean and green area extending at least 30 feet from the house?			
5.	Is there a non-combustible area within five feet of the house?			
6.	Is there separation between trees and crowns?			
	Emergency Access	Yes	No	
1.	Is the home address visible at night?			
2.	Is the home address made of fire-resistant materials?			
3.	Are street signs present at every intersection leading to the house?			
4.	If a water supply is present, is it clearly marked for firefighters?			
5.	Is flammable vegetation within 10 feet of the driveway cleared and are overhanging obstructions removed?			
6.	If a long driveway is present, does it have a suitable turnaround area?			
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