



# Own Your Zone: *First Five Feet*

*Protect Your Home From Wildfire*

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# Purpose & Objectives



- Educate homeowners on the science of structure-to-structure ignition
- Explain the term “Home Hardening” & relationship to flying embers
- Inform why the Immediate zone 0’-5’ is the most critical zone
- Empower communities to take a stand against neighborhood devastation



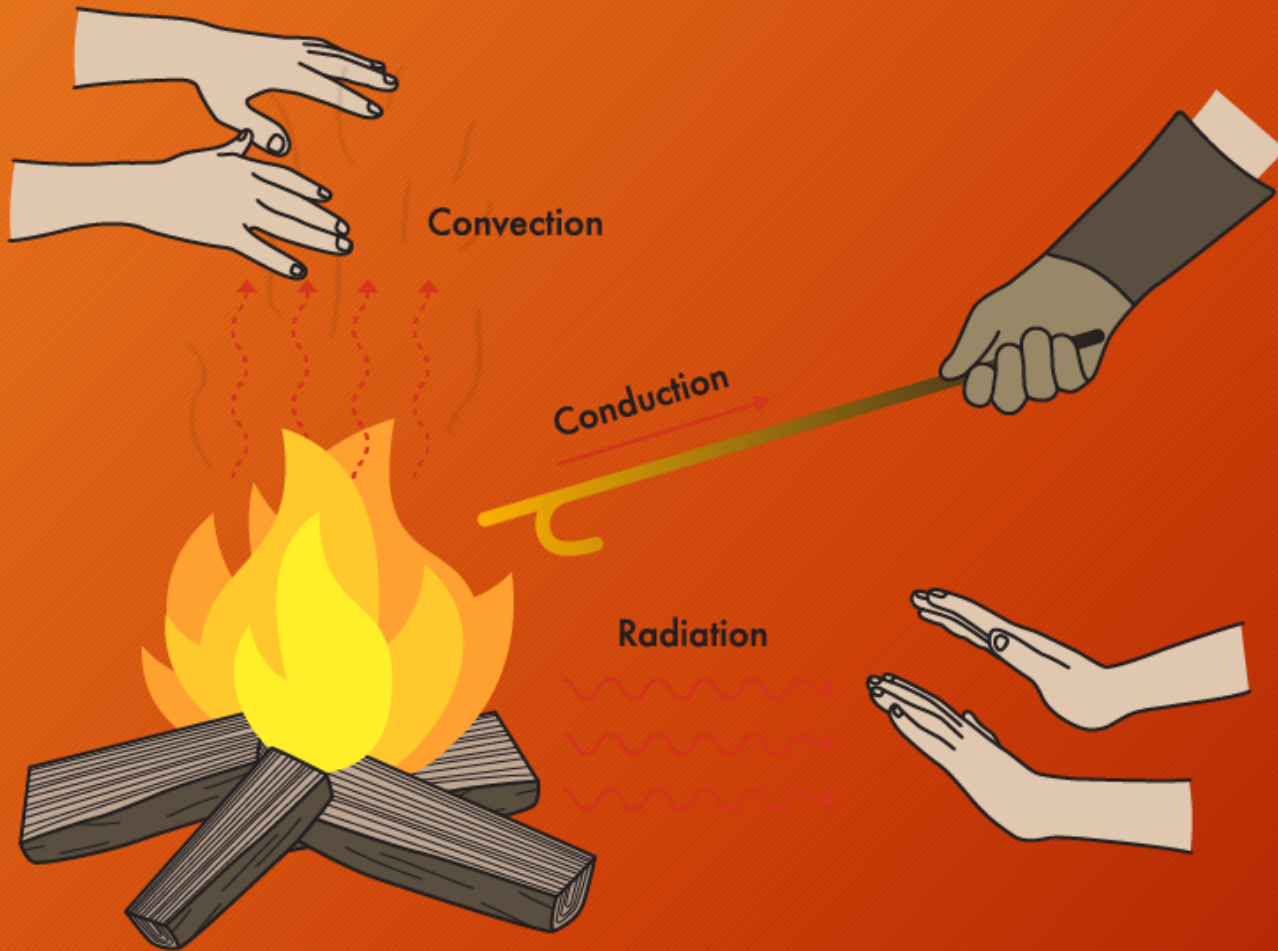
# Structure-to-Structure Ignition

- Where fire can spread from one structure to another because of proximity, radiant heat, firebrands (embers) and adjoining combustible materials.



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# Types of heat transfer



Convection: hot gases, through air current

Conduction: direct contact

Radiation: electromagnetic waves

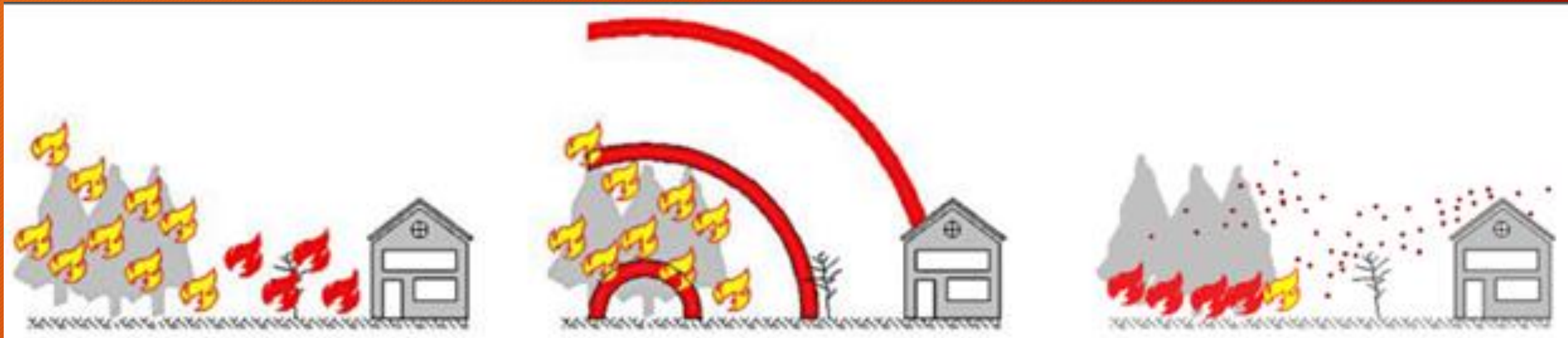


# Types of Heat Transfer- Wildland to Structure

Conduction: direct contact

Radiation: EM waves      90% of homes burned during wildfires are ignited by embers

Convection: smoke column carrying firebrands/embers







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# What was the “fuel” in these fires?



CAMP Fire, Paradise, CA 2018



Beachie Creek Fire, Detroit, OR 2020



# How do we prevent this from happening?

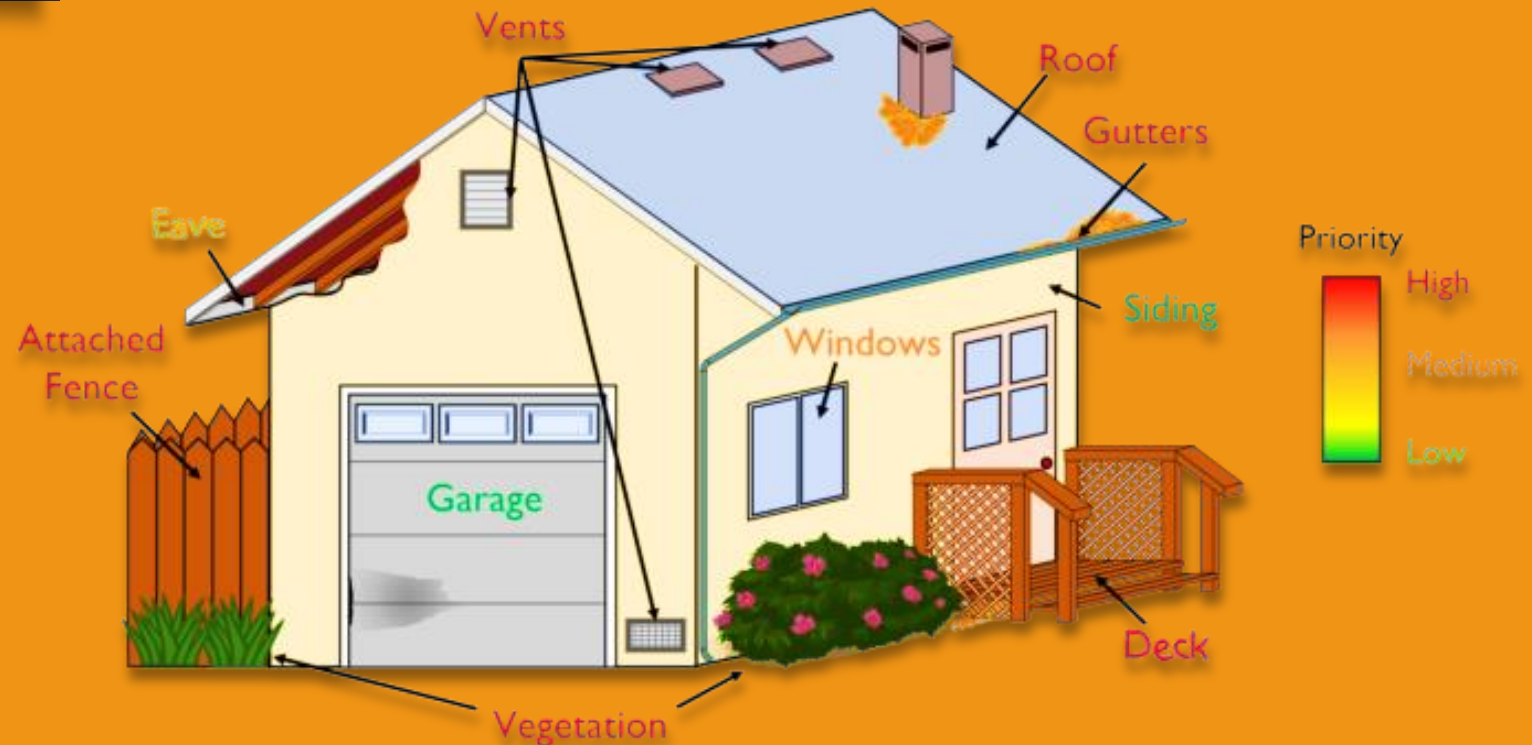
1. Home hardening
2. Defensible Space
3. Educating our communities





# Home Hardening

- Where vegetation management compliance and noncombustible building materials are used to resist the intrusion of flames or embers projected by a wildland fire.





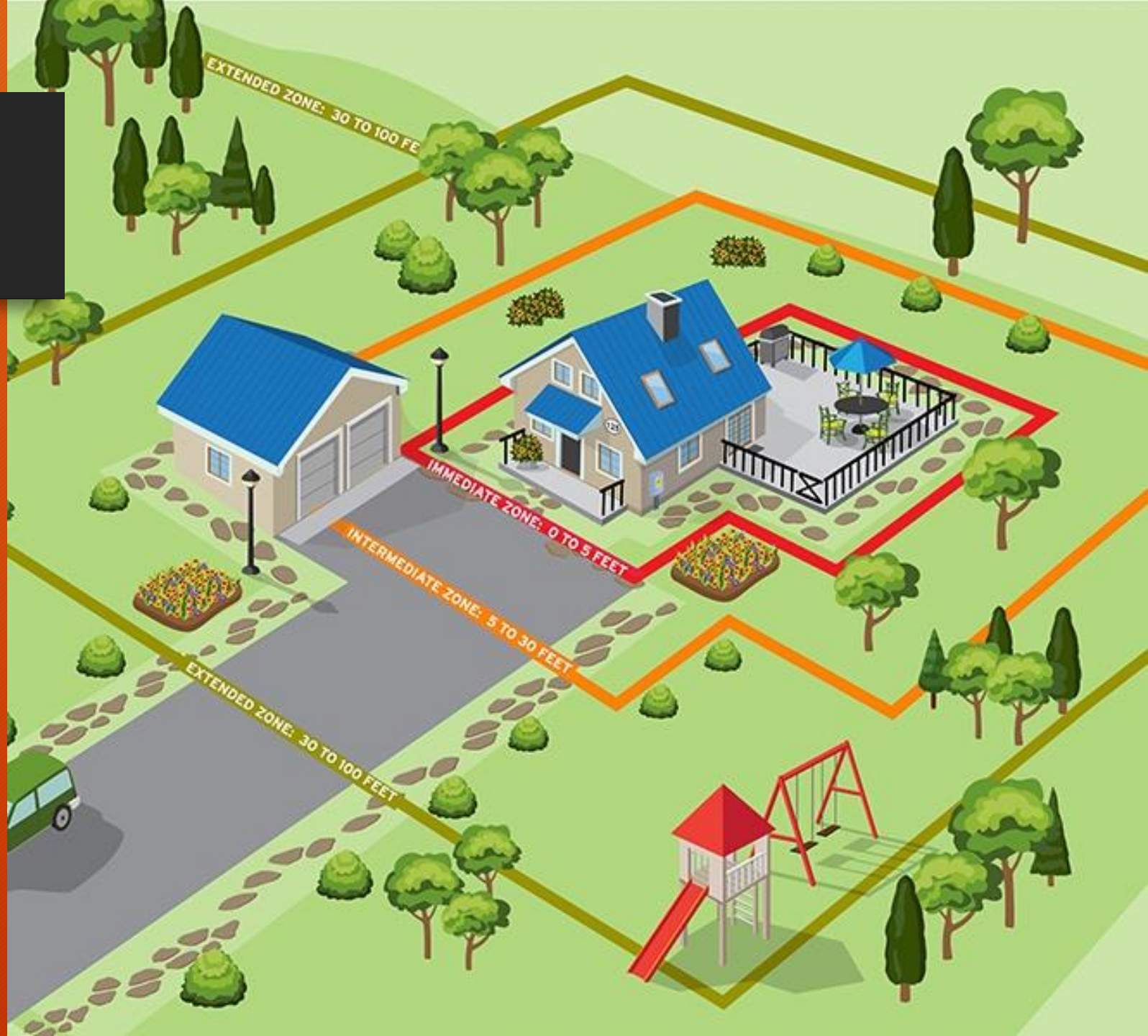
# Home Hardening Priorities





# Defensible Space

- A buffer zone of maintained vegetation around a building, designed to reduce the risk of fire spread and protect the structure from wildfire.





# Immediate Zone 0'-5'

## Focus on the Closest

- Clean leaves, pine needles, etc. from roof and gutters
- Repair loose or missing roof shingles, windows or screens
- Install 1/8-inch metal mesh screening over attic, crawlspace and eave vents
- Remove flammables (mulch, leaves, needles, firewood) away from wall exteriors and under decks
- Use non-combustible ground cover (cement pavers, crushed stone, mineral soil)





# Attachments- Decks and Fences





# Immediate-noncombustible zone applied...



Noncombustible rock around siding



Noncombustible rock under decking

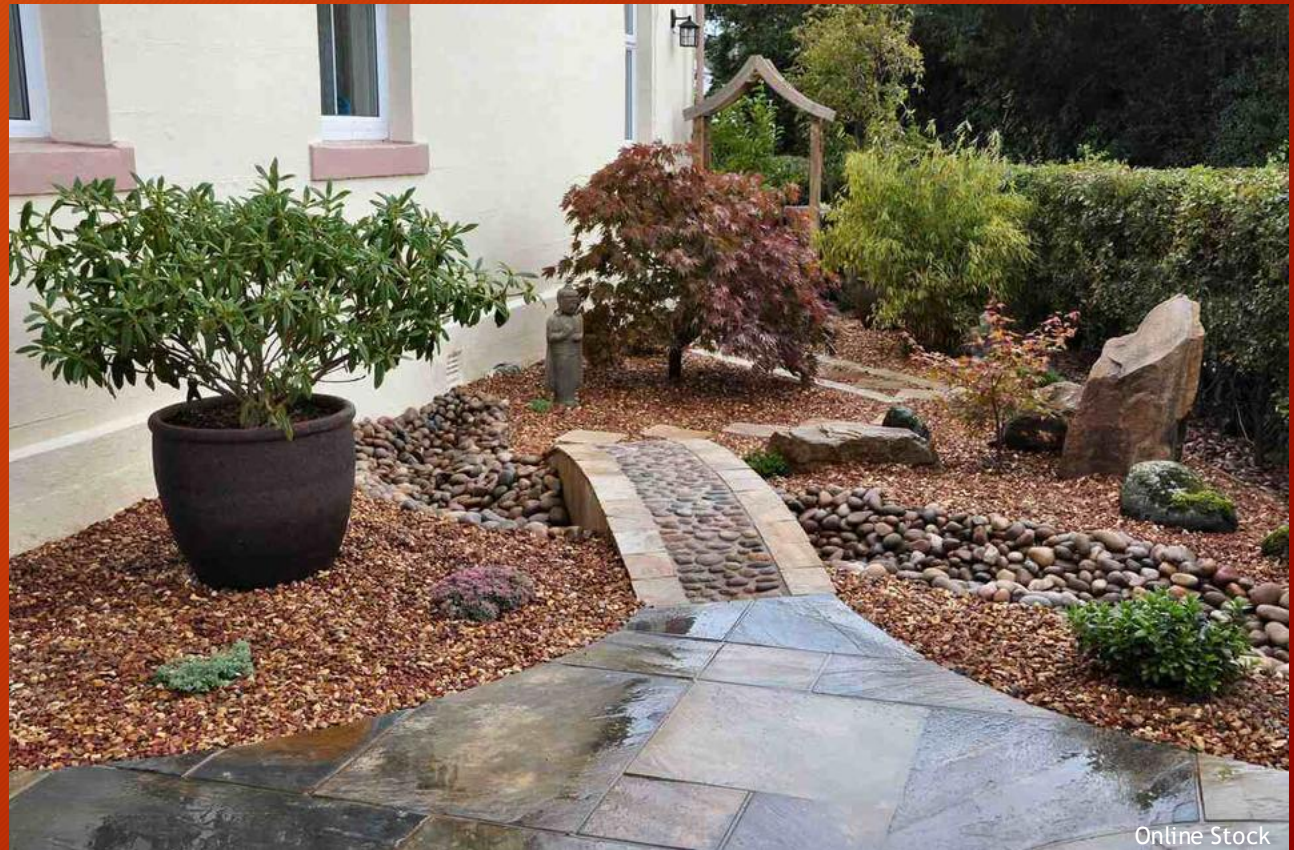


# More options...

Fire resistant plants and noncombustible walkway



Non-combustible ground cover with deciduous trees





# We want to avoid...



Bark mulch against siding with Flammable shrubs under window



We want to avoid...



Combustible materials against the home



Continuous fuel without a safety gap



And this is why...

Flammable vegetation aiding in fire spread



Flammable vegetation in Immediate Zone



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# Work with your neighbors!

Many communities share the immediate Zone 0-5'

- *This means you share fire risk*
- *Work together to clear away combustibles between houses*





# NO one can do this job alone!

Many people are waiting for neighbors to do their part first...

- *Lead by example*
- *Offer to educate neighbors about a wildfire prepared home*
- *Direct efforts to those that want to participate*



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# Resources

- NFPA Firewise Program
  - [NFPA.org /Firewise](https://www.nfpa.org/Firewise)
- Bend Fire & Rescue
  - [Bendoregon.gov/wildfire-FAQs](https://bendoregon.gov/wildfire-FAQs)
- Deschutes County Rural District #2
  - [Dcrfpd2.com](https://dcrfpd2.com)
- Get notifications
  - [Deschutesalerts.org](https://deschutesalerts.org)
- Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition
  - [Projectwildfire.org](https://projectwildfire.org)



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# Protect your home from wildfire

## Workshops on Wildfire Home Protection Strategies

- Local fire ecology
- Home assessments
- Landscaping
- Home materials

Fill Out Interest Form



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Wildfire is inevitable.. Community destruction is NOT!



Thank you!