

# Can we avoid an Almeda Fire in Ashland?

## Yes we can!

The Almeda Fire created the impression that such fires are unstoppable, but if we all pull together as a community we can make our town dramatically safer against an Almeda Fire threat.

***The key is working together – as a community – to make our town safe against burning embers to stop the flames!***



***This landscaping protected the home from embers***



***This landscaping helped the wildfire spread***

**Embers account for nearly 90% of ignitions during a wildfire!**

This May, join your community in making your landscape as fire resistant as possible. **We MUST all do this work to protect the community!**

Complete these 3 high-priority actions first:

- Remove all bark mulch from the first 5 feet of your home. Replace with noncombustible material like rock or soil.
- Remove all combustible leaf and needle debris and flammable vegetation from at least the first 5 feet of your home and structures.
- Cut back flammable weeds and grass to 4” tall before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*once you've done these three highest priority actions, view the checklist on the back of this sheet to see what actions you need to prioritize next

After completing the top 3 actions listed on the front, complete these tasks:

- Clear dead branches, wood and dense flammable vegetation around your property, starting closest to the home and working your way out.
- Prune flammable trees a minimum of 8 feet above the ground, or 1/3 of the tree height, whichever is less.
- Make space between flammable shrubs. Space between shrubs should be 2x the height of the shrub at maturity.
- Relocate wood piles 30 feet from structures and keep wood piles clear of leaf and needle debris. Consider covering wood piles with a fire-resistant tarp.

**Common flammable trees and shrubs found in Ashland:  
Arborvitae, Cedar, Juniper, Lavender, Rosemary, and Manzanita.**

After completing these tasks listed above, complete these actions if you have the budget:

- Prune branches of flammable trees 10 feet from the roof, decks, and chimney.
- If spacing allows, replace flammable vegetation with fire-resistant alternatives. View replacement recommendations at [fireadaptedashland.org/firewiseplants](http://fireadaptedashland.org/firewiseplants)

**Take your green debris to the Transfer Station on Green Debris Drop Off Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>! Learn more at [ashland.or.us/greendebris](http://ashland.or.us/greendebris)**

**If you have completed all these Firewise tasks, learn how you can harden your home, prepare to evacuate and prepare for smoke as part of the Wildfire Safety Commission's Wildfire Safety Campaign!**

**APRIL**

**Harden your home!**

Protect against embers and flames

**MAY**

**Be Firewise!**

Keep your yard lean, clean and green

**JUNE**

**Be Ready!**

Prepare to evacuate or shelter in place

**JULY**

**Be Smokewise!**

Prepare for smoke



Learn more online:  
**[fireadaptedashland.org](http://fireadaptedashland.org)**

