

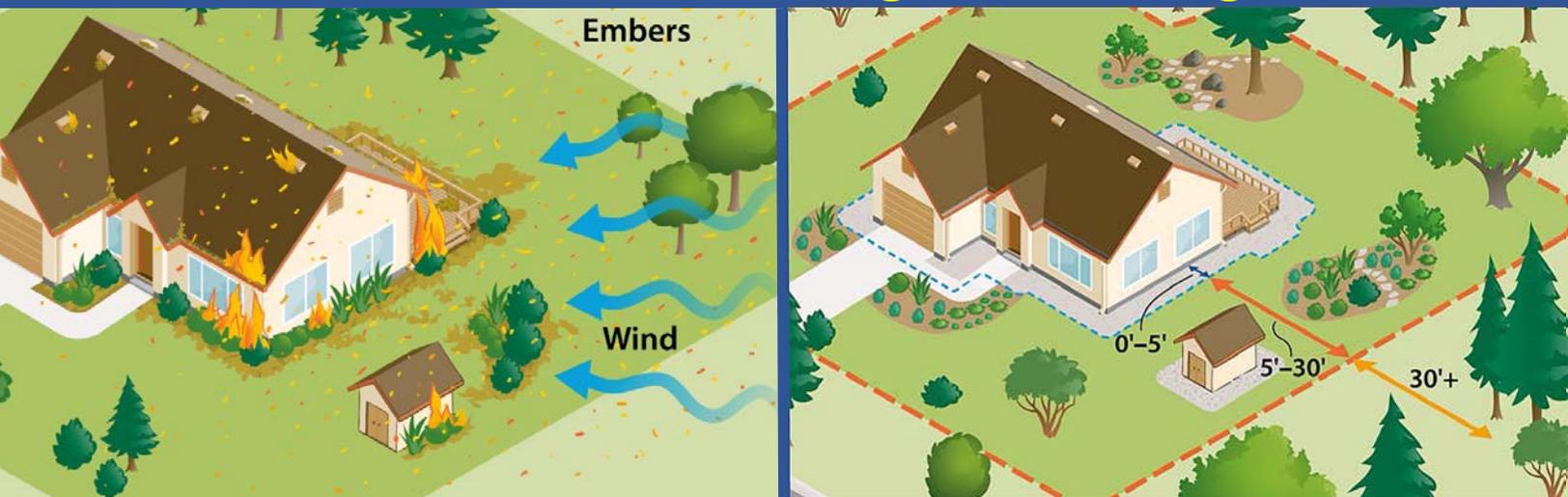
Can We Avoid Devastating Wildfire?

Together, we can do it!

It is no longer a question of whether a wildfire will ever be upon us, but when it will happen again. When each of us takes responsibility to do our part, then together we can prevent catastrophic loss within our town.

The key is working together – as a community – to make our town safer against windblown embers, stopping flames before they start!

Embers account for 90% of home ignitions during a wildfire!



This May, protect your home from embers and flames by making your landscaping as fire-reluctant as possible.

COMPLETE THESE 3 HIGH-PRIORITY ACTIONS FIRST:

- Remove all bark-mulch within the first 5-feet of your home. Replace with noncombustible materials like rock or leave as bare dirt.
- Remove all leaf and needle debris and any flammable vegetation from within the first 10-feet of your home and any other structures.
- Cut down dry weeds and grasses to 4-inches or less by the beginning of fire season. Keep weeds and grasses cut short throughout fire season.

**once you've completed these three highest-priority actions, work on the rest of the checklist found on the back of this sheet.*

These common flammable trees and shrubs should **be removed within 30-feet of your home, or always maintained as Lean, Clean, and Green: Arborvitae, Bamboo, Cedar, Juniper, Lavender, Manzanita, and Rosemary.**

COMPLETE THESE TASKS NEXT:

- Clear out dead branches, twigs, and debris from all vegetation around your property, especially flammable plants. Start closest to the home and work your way outward. Remove any flammable shrubs from underneath flammable trees.
- Prune up flammable tree limbs to a minimum of 8-feet above the ground, or 1/3 of the tree height for smaller trees, whichever is less.
- Isolate flammable shrubs. Space between shrubs should be 2x the height of the shrub at maturity (*2' tall shrub = 4' spacing*). Increase spacing distances on slopes.
- Move wood piles 30-feet from all structures, or as far away as possible. Keep wood piles clear of vegetation and debris. Cover with a fire-resistant tarp.

IF YOU HAVE THE BUDGET or ABILITY:

- Prune limbs of flammable trees a *minimum* of 10-feet from rooflines, decks, and chimneys. Increase the limb clearance on flammable trees downslope from homes.
- Prune deciduous trees and shrubs so that no branches touch walls or rooflines.
- Replace flammable vegetation with fire-resistant alternatives. View replacement recommendations at fireadaptedashland.org/firewiseplants

Take your green debris to Valley View Transfer Station on Green Debris Drop Off Day! Learn more at ashland.or.us/greendebris



Learn more on 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



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