

# SEASONAL WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



## SPRING TASKS

- Review your home insurance policy to ensure you have adequate coverage for wildfires before fire season.

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- Remove all fallen leaves, pine needles, dry branches, and other debris from around your home to reduce fuel for fires and prevent sparks from igniting nearby materials.

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- Check your roof for loose shingles or tiles and repair any damage. Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts to help minimize the risk of fire from debris buildup or water damage.

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- Check that you have working fire extinguishers and know how to use them, so you're prepared to quickly suppress small fires before they spread.



## SUMMER TASKS

- Water your lawn and plants regularly (while being mindful of water conservation as needed) to help make them less flammable, reducing the risk of fire spreading to your home.

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- Continue to monitor and maintain your 30-foot defensible zone, removing any accumulated debris and keeping vegetation trimmed to help slow the spread of potential fires.

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- Keep flammable materials like firewood and propane tanks at least 30 feet away from your home to reduce the risk of these materials igniting and causing a fire.

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- Have an emergency plan in place and an emergency kit ready to go in case of an evacuation.

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## FALL TASKS

- Regularly remove fallen leaves and other debris from your roof, gutters, and around your home to prevent buildup that could fuel a fire.
- Trim any overgrown vegetation and remove dead branches that could become a fire hazard during the dry fall months.
- Have your chimney inspected or cleaned by a professional, and ensure you have ember-resistant vents installed to help prevent sparks or embers from entering your home.
- Test your smoke detectors and replace batteries if needed to ensure they are working properly in case of an emergency.

## WINTER TASKS

- Ensure snow and ice are cleared away from vents and other openings around your home to prevent blockages that could lead to damage.
- Stay informed about weather conditions, especially during periods of dry weather or high winds, to help anticipate fire risks and take timely precautions.
- Practice your fire escape plan with your family and ensure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.
- Ensure your garden hoses are long enough to reach all areas of your property and are connected to outdoor spigots, so you can act quickly in an emergency if needed.