

## PROPERTY SELF ASSESSMENT

General Slope of Area	0 - 9%	10 - 20%	21 - 30%	31 - 41%	> 40%
Homes positioned on a slope or proximity to features that adversely affect wildfire behavior	Bottom 1/3 of slope	Middle 1/3 of slope	Top 1/3 of slope, ridge top, saddle or adjacent to steep canyon or box canyon		
Separation of structures that can contribute to fire spread/ behavior	30 feet or greater	20-29 feet	Less than 20 feet		
Architectural styles that contribute to home ignition	Complex roof designs	Interior corners/ roof dormers	Large overhangs		

Items in green indicate a lower risk while items in orange and red indicate high risk factors.

Your self-assessment starts with an overall look at your home site. Certain factors such as: the slope of the area, where your home sits on the hillside, distance between you and your neighbors, and the design of your home greatly influence your risk from wildfires. Many of these risk factors cannot be directly changed, however mitigation actions such as changing/reducing landscaping around your home can reduce the effect of these risk factors.

### BUILT ZONE – The structure itself

YES	NO	
		Non-combustible roof materials
		Non-combustible siding material present on 75% or more of the structure
		Deck built with ignition-resistant materials
		Absence of combustible attachments (i.e., fences, window boxes, accessory buildings)
		Spark arrestor on chimneys 4" or larger
		Street address displayed where it is visible from the road

### LEAN, CLEAR & GREEN ZONE – Within 6 feet of structure

YES	NO	
		Branches removed from within 10 feet of the structure
		Leaves, needles, and other flammable materials removed from gutter and roof
		Leaves, needles, and other flammable materials removed from on top and beneath decks, steps and overhangs
		No dry dead plants, leaves, needles, and other flammable materials within 5 feet of structure
		Remove annuals and cut back perennials after they have gone to seed or when the stems become overly dry.

WILDLAND FUEL REDUCTION ZONE – Within 100 feet of the structure

YES	NO	
		Grass mowed to 4 inches or less in height within 30 feet of the structure
		Flammable brush removed from beneath trees
		Trees limbed to a minimum of 6 feet above ground (10 feet desired, do not limb more than 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the total height of the tree.
		Dead or dying material removed from the lower 10 feet of all trees and shrubs
		Spacing of trees within the defensible space should be at least 10 feet between the edges of crowns.
		As the trees grow, prune branches to a height of 6-10 feet above the ground. Trees grown over irrigated and maintained turf grass only need to be limbed to a height of 2-3 feet.
		Spacing of trees within the defensible space should be at least 10 feet between the edges of crowns. On steep ground, allow even more space between crowns.
		To reduce the fire-spreading potential of shrubs, plant only widely separated low-growing, non-resinous shrubs around the property
		Do not plant shrubs directly beneath windows or vents or where they might spread under wooden decks.
		Do not plant shrubs under tree crowns or use them to screen utilities, firewood piles or other flammable materials.
		Prune dead or broken stems and remove dead material from shrubs annually. Remove the lower branches and suckers as the shrubs mature.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

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