

Be Ember Aware

Protect your home from flying embers

Flying embers can travel miles in high winds during a wildfire. Below are tips to protect the most susceptible areas of your home from ignition by embers.

- 1 Roof and gutters:** Keep your gutters and rooftops free of debris. Clean regularly.
- 2 Tree branches:** Remove branches within 10 feet of your roof's edge and chimney openings.
- 3 Dead, dying, or dry vegetation:** Keep plants at least five feet away from your home. Use noncombustible groundcover, like gravel, in this area.
- 4 Combustible items:** Relocate anything that can burn at least five feet away from your home. This includes trash cans.
- 5 Grass and ground cover:** Keep grasses and ground cover under four-inches in height.
- 6 Patio furniture:** If wildfire is threatening, put combustible patio furniture inside or move it at least 30 feet away from the house.
- 7 Venting and spark arrestors:** Install spark arrestors on chimneys. Cover all vents with $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch, corrosion-resistant wire mesh or install vents designed to resist ember entry.
- 8 Windows:** Install dual-pane windows with one pane of tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.
- 9 Fencing:** Keep the base of fences free of debris. Choose fencing made with non-combustible material to prevent fire from extending to your home.
- 10 Garage door:** Close garage doors if a wildfire is threatening.



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