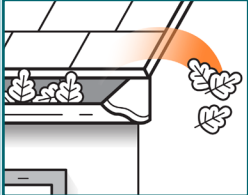


THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE WILDFIRE HOME PROTECTION

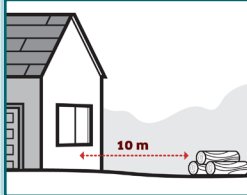
Complete these 3 steps to reduce the risk of a wildfire spreading to your home. For items listed under step 3 check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of subsidies. Give decks, sheds and outbuildings within 10 m of your home the same FireSmart consideration as you do your home.

STEP 1: MAINTAIN WHAT YOU'VE GOT A LEAST TWICE PER YEAR

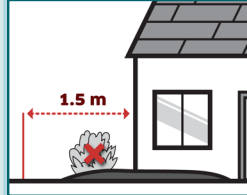
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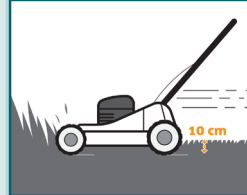
Remove needles, leaves and other debris from gutters, roof surfaces, decks and balconies. Regularly clean vents.



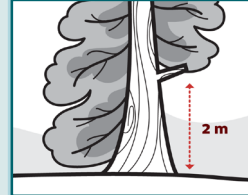
Remove combustible materials (firewood and lumber) stored within 10 m of the house perimeter and under decks.



Remove all combustible ground cover (mulch and plants) within a 1.5 m of the house perimeter.



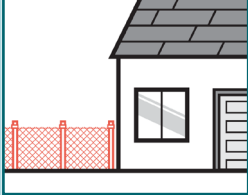
Mow the lawn to <10 cm and plant low-growing, well-spaced shrubs and other vegetation.




Prune trees to create a 2 m clearance from the ground to the lowest tree branches.

STEP 2: COMPLETE SIMPLE UPGRADES

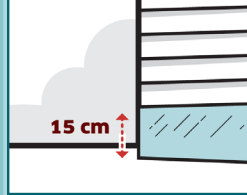
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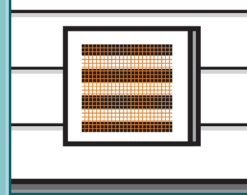
Install non-combustible fencing within 1.5m of the house (cement fiber, metal, chain link or stone).



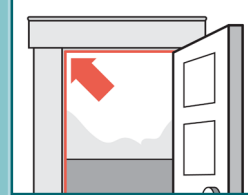
Install non-combustible ground surfaces within 1.5 m of the house (mineral soil, rock, concrete or stone).



Create a 15 cm ground-to-siding non-combustible clearance (e.g., install cement board or metal skirting).




Add a non-combustible 3 mm screen to all external vents, except dryer vents.




Replace worn or missing weather stripping on all doors, including garage doors.

STEP 3: COMPLETE MORE COMPLEX UPGRADES

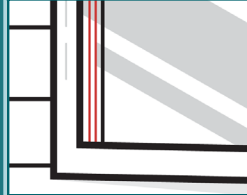
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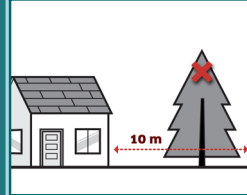
Install Class A fire-resistant roof covering (e.g., cement fibre, metal or asphalt shingles).



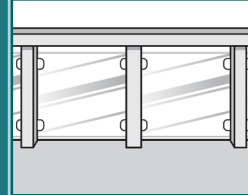
Install non-combustible siding (stucco, metal, stone, cement fibre board).



Install multi-pane or tempered glass windows and exterior fire rated doors.



Remove conifer trees that are within 10 m of the house.



Retrofit all deck components to be fire-rated, with a continuous surface.

NOTE: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of fire.
 • Cost estimates are based on a 2,500 sq ft home.