

IS YOUR HOME PREPARED FOR A WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) WILDFIRE?

WUI = WHERE HOMES MEET OR MIX WITH NATURAL VEGETATION



HOW HOMES ACTUALLY BURN



Most homes are **not** destroyed by flames.



They ignite from wind-driven **embers**.



Embers can travel **far** ahead of the fire.

1 START HERE – BASIC PROTECTION *(Do this first)*



Clean gutters and roof



Remove leaves, pine needles, and debris



Move firewood away from your home



Trim grass and dead vegetation

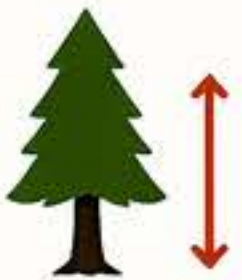


Clear under decks and around structures

2 CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE



Clear a **0–5 foot** zone around your home (no combustibles)



Trim tree branches **6–10 feet up**



Space out shrubs and trees



Break up continuous vegetation

3 HARDEN YOUR HOME



Cover vents with **1/8” metal mesh**



Use non-combustible materials near the home



Enclose eaves if possible



Keep roofs and gutters clean



REAL-WORLD REALITY

Homes right next to each other can have completely different outcomes in a wildfire.



SEE BACK FOR REAL-WORLD PHOTOS FROM THE MARSHALL FIRE →



START TODAY

Focus on the area closest to your home first—small changes can make a big difference.



PLAN AHEAD



PREPARE YOUR FAMILY



BE READY TO GO



EMBER CHECK – 30 SECOND HOME TEST

Walk around your home and check:



☐ Are there leaves or debris in gutters?



☐ Is anything flammable within 5 feet of your home?



☐ Are vents exposed without mesh?



☐ Is vegetation touching or overhanging the structure?



☐ Are there places embers could collect and ignite?

IF YOU CHECKED “YES” TO ANY — START THERE.



BE PREPARED. BE FIREWISE. PROTECT YOUR HOME, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY.

Based on real wildfire response observations

REAL-WORLD IMPACT — MARSHALL FIRE (COLORADO)

December 30, 2021 — Extreme winds drove a fast-moving wildfire through a developed community.
Entire neighborhoods were lost in hours.



PHOTO 1: Aerial view of the Marshall Fire impacting Boulder County, Colorado.

PHOTO 2 — BEFORE

Typical home prior to the fire.



PHOTOS 3-4 — AFTER

Same structure after wildfire impact.



SAME HOME — DIFFERENT OUTCOME

PHOTO 5 — BEFORE

Residential structure prior to the fire.



PHOTOS 6-7 — AFTER

Same structure after total loss.



I responded to this incident during mop-up operations. These structures were not randomly lost—conditions and preparation played a role.



WILDFIRES DO NOT TREAT EVERY HOME THE SAME.

Preparation before the fire often determines what survives.



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