

Tips to FireSmart Your Home

Taking action to FireSmart your property will dramatically decrease the risk of wildfire damaging your home. The best part is, it's surprisingly easy to do.

Clean under your deck to remove any combustible material. Establish a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around the perimeter of the house and deck.

Clean and maintain gutters and roofs. Keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris.

Keep grass and weeds cut below 10 centimetres.

Have a wildfire evacuation plan and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do.

Hold sheds and other structures to the same standards as your home.

Relocate propane tanks 10-30 meters from your home, and keep combustible vegetation a minimum of 10 metres from propane tanks.

Move firewood and lumber 10-30 meters away from home.

Prune trees to create a two-meter clearance from the ground to the lowest branches.

Add non-combustible 3 millimetre screens to external vents (except dryer vents).

Reduce the flammability of your landscaping and plant wildfire resistant vegetation. [Learn landscaping.](#)

Download the [FireSmart home assessment](#) and do a self-assessment of your home and property.