

Preparing Your Home for Wildfire

RETROFITTING FOR WILDFIRE

- ❑ If you have an untreated wood shake roof, replace it with a Class A fire-rated roof.
- ❑ Install metal angle flashing at the edge of the roof.
- ❑ Box-in eaves that have an open-eave construction (i.e., where rafter tails are visible).
- ❑ Plug all gaps between the roof covering and roof deck at the roof edges. Remember an edge also can occur at the ridge or hip of the roof.
- ❑ If you have combustible siding, install metal flashing at the intersection between the deck and siding; tuck the flashing behind the siding at a lap joint.
- ❑ If you have dormers, replace combustible siding there with a noncombustible material, such as a fiber cement product.
- ❑ Replace single-pane windows with multi-pane, tempered glass windows. Screen all windows.

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- Clean out gutters; clear vegetative debris off your roof and around your home.
- Remove dead vegetation from plants and remove lower branches from tall trees.
- Inspect the condition and attachment of screening on windows and on vents in the attic and crawl space; keep screens clear of debris. Avoid vent screens when painting your house.
- Move lumber and other combustible materials stored next to the house and under the deck to a location more than 30 ft. from your house.
- Clean out debris in gaps between deck boards and where the deck connects to the house.
- Caulk any gaps between the blocking that fills the space between exposed roof rafters and any adjacent members.

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