

Ember Preparedness Checklist



- 1) **WOOD ROOFS** – Replace wooden shake and shingle roofs with fire resistant types such as composition, metal or tile.
- 2) **ROOF OPENINGS** – Plug openings and gaps in roofs with non-combustible materials.
- 3) **ROOF DEBRIS** – Keep roofs cleared of combustible debris such as pine needles or leaves.
- 4) **SKYLIGHTS** – replace plastic ones with double pane types in which one layer is tempered glass.
- 5) **SPARK ARRESTER** – Install and approved spark arrester on chimneys or stove pipes.
- 6) **WINDOWS** – Replace single pane windows with multi pane tempered glass types. Close windows if wildfire is threatening.
- 7) **VENTS** – Cover attic, crawl space and eve vents with 1/8 wire mesh. Change plastic vent covers to heat resistant metal covers.
- 8) **RAIN GUTTERS** – Keep gutters free of combustible debris.
- 9) **SIDING** – Fill gaps in siding and trim with good quality caulk. Consider replacing siding with non-flammable construction materials.
- 10) **WOODPILES** – Store firewood and lumber out away from home, 30' if possible.
- 11) **PATIO FURNITURE** – Place combustible patio furniture inside house or garage if wildfire is threatening.
- 12) **DECK BOARDS** – Replace boards that are in poor condition or less than one inch thick. For wood decks place metal flashing against house. When replacing use one inch thick boards or cement boards.



- 13) **DECK DEBRIS** – Keep gaps in the boards, on top of the deck and the area under the deck free of flammable debris.
- 14) **DECK ACCESSORIES** – When wildfires threaten clear decks of all flammable items like news papers, wicker flower pots, dried plant and gas grills.
- 15) **UNDER DECK** – Use a lattice and 1/8" metal mesh to screen in under the deck to prevent build-ups of flammable debris.
- 16) **FLOWER BOXES** – Keep flower boxes well maintained and free of dead material. If wildfire threatens, remove wood flower boxes from house.
- 17) **EAVES** – Box in eaves with ply wood or other non-flammable construction material.
- 18) **FLOWERBEDS** – Landscape with in-flammable plants, replace wood mulch next to house. Remove dead materials from flower beds and keep plants well hydrated.
- 19) **VEHICLES** – When wildfire threatens, back vehicle into garage with windows up or park away from house.
- 20) **GARAGE DOORS** – Adjust door or use trim to have as tight as gap as possible to minimize ember entry. Close door when wildfire threatens.
- 21) **GARBAGE CANS** – Cover with lid and move away from improvements.
- 22) **WOODEN FENCES** – Keep fences well maintained and utilize a non-combustible section or gate within 5' of the house or garage.