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Top 10 - Every Resident Checklist



Harden the Home

1. Clean Roofs, Gutters & Under Decks

Remove all winter debris that could ignite from embers.

2. Harden Your Home Against Embers

Install ember-resistant vents, seal gaps, 6-inch non-combustible flashing and *if you can*: upgrade to double-pane tempered windows, enclose eaves, non-combustible siding and Class A roof.

3. Reset Zone 0 (0–5 Feet)

Remove all combustible materials within 5 feet of your home and all structures on your property.

4. Reduce Fence-to-Home Fire Bridges

Replace or separate combustible fencing or gates where it connects to structures.

Reduce the Fuel

5. Refresh Zone 1 (5-30 Feet)

Limb up trees, reduce ladder fuels, and create spacing between vegetation.

6. Check Propane Tank Clearance

Maintain required defensible space around tanks and remove vegetation.

7. Dispose of Green Waste Promptly

Chip, haul, or properly burn when permitted. Do not let piles cure into summer fuel.

Protect the Access

8. Clear 30 Feet From Sides of Roads & Driveways

Thin vegetation along road edges and access routes to reduce fuel and improve evacuation safety.

9. Clear + Sign Water Access Points

Remove vegetation around hydrants, draft sites, tanks, and pumps. Make them visible and accessible.

10. Mark & Maintain Evacuation Route Turnarounds

Ensure turnaround areas are clear and usable for engines and residents.