

## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRES

Property managers and property owners living in or near a wildfire prone area can play a critical role in mitigating wildfire risks around their homes and properties by undertaking FireSmart™ practices. Taking measures to FireSmart™ your property will remarkably decrease the risks of a wildfire causing damage to your home.

### Assess your Property's Ignition Zone



## HOW YOU CAN PROACTIVELY PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY:

- Maintain a 1.5 meters non-combustible zone around your property.
- Clear debris from gutters including dead leaves and pine needles.
- Prune tree branches within 2 meters of the ground.
- Remove combustible materials from around the property. (i.e. firewood, furniture).  
  
This includes an adequate clearance zone of 30 meters from grassland and 100 meters from woodland and forest.
- Keep grass short, and the property adequately watered.
- Cover existing vent openings with 1/8" or 1/16" wire mesh".
- Connect garden hoses to a hose bib or faucet.

## MITIGATE DAMAGES IF A WILDFIRE APPROACHES YOUR PROPERTY:



Turn on lights to increase visibility for firefighters.



Place lawn sprinklers on roof tops.



Close windows and doors, including interior doors.



Prepare for evacuation by having a written evacuation plan and follow all government orders.

## Increase wildfire resilience with FireSmart™ Canada



FireSmart™ Canada is a national program that helps Canadians increase resilience to wildfire and minimize its negative impacts. Their programs aim to provide homeowners, residents and communities with tools and resources to be better prepared when wildfires occur.

**To learn more, visit:** [firesmartcanada.ca](https://firesmartcanada.ca)

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