

Protect Your Home From Wildfires

In many parts of Canada, wildfires are common in forested and grassland areas between May and September.

If you live in a wildfire-prone area, it's crucial to be prepared for fire activity. Every year, wildfires destroy thousands of homes; however, there are steps you can take to help slow or interrupt the path of fire near your property.

Consider the following guidelines for improving wildfire safety at your house:

- **Build smart.** Choose fire-resistant roofing materials (e.g., slate, metal or clay) and safe materials for your house's siding, like fiber cement. Repair or replace these materials when necessary.
- **Remove clutter.** Regularly clear your roof, gutters and surrounding property of anything that could fuel a wildfire (e.g., leaves, dead vegetation or fallen branches).
- **Store safely.** Keep fuel sources and firewood stored at least 15 metres from your house.
- **Have an emergency water supply.** Clearly label emergency water supply sources on your property to help first responders locate them if there's a fire. Acceptable sources may include pools, ponds, storage tanks and fire hydrants.
- **Landscape carefully.** Plant drought- and wind-resistant vegetation that is native to the area and slow-growing. Keep plants safely spaced away from your home and away from other plants to stop flames from spreading quickly.
- **Secure adequate insurance.** Take inventory of your personal belongings and their value. Review your homeowners insurance policy with your insurance agent to ensure you'll be adequately compensated if a wildfire damages your home or possessions. Adjust your coverage accordingly.

For more home maintenance and safety information, contact us today.

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