

HOME IGNITION ZONE ASSESSMENT MITIGATION GUIDE

Note: The assessment is designed to help determine “how vulnerable the structure” will be during a wildfire and to convey recommendations that should be taken so that the home will have a better chance to survive a wildfire.

Remember, the following assessment items are for prevention/mitigation measures to be done well in advance of wildfire season.

Date of Assessment: _____ Property Address: _____

Resident Name: _____ Property Owner: _____

	Assessment Items	Mitigation Recommendations
1.	OVERVIEW OF SURROUNDINGS:	
	How is the structure positioned in relationship to severe fire behavior?	
	Type of construction:	
2.	PEAK TO EAVES:	
	Inspect the roof – noncombustible? Shingles missing? Shingles flat with no gaps?	
	Gutters – present? Noncombustible?	
	Litter on roof, in gutters, and crevices	
3.	EAVES TO FOUNDATION:	
	Attic, eave, soffit vents, and crawl spaces:	
	Inspect windows and screens – metal screens? Multi-paned windows? Picture windows facing vegetation? Metal screens on all windows.	
	Walls and attachments: noncombustible? Will they collect litter?	
	Decks (combustible materials?)	

	Fences:	
	Flammable material next to or under the structure:	
	Combustible materials near or on the structure where walls meet roof or decking surfaces:	
	Crawl space, attic vents, soffits:	
	Nooks and crannies and other small spaces:	
4.	FOUNDATION TO IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPED AREA:	
	Landscaped (<i>Managed</i>) vegetation – separation distances, maintenance, plant selection; Firewise landscaping zones?	
	Propane Tanks?	
	Vehicle and RV use and parking, including lawn mowers, etc.:	
5.	IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPED AREA EXTENT OF THE HOME IGNITION ZONE:	
	Inspect vegetation clearance and crown separation:	

Adapted from:

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