

WILDFIRE PREPARED

— A PROGRAM OF IBHS —

The Wildfire Prepared Home designation program enables homeowners to take preventative measures for their home and yard to help protect against wildfire. Based on over a decade of research, the program meaningfully reduces wildfire risk using the latest wildfire science. The requirements of the Wildfire Prepared Home program go beyond guidance from most local jurisdictions combining homeowner education, verification and ongoing accountability to mitigate the home as a system.

Wildfire Prepared Home is designed to reduce the chance your home will ignite by creating a 5-foot noncombustible home buffer, preparing the home's exterior and maintaining the deck and yard.

How it works:

- Wildfire Prepared Home addresses the roof, specific building features and defensible space, including the 0-5-foot noncombustible buffer immediately around the home, also known as Zone 0.
- Based on the latest wildfire science, this systems-based approach meaningfully reduces wildfire risk by mitigating all three areas of the home research shows to be most vulnerable, removing the weakest links.
- To receive a designation, homeowners complete work on their home using the How-To Prepare Your Home Checklist. Once the work is complete, homeowners pay a \$125 nonrefundable application fee and submit eligibility photos that verify all required actions have been completed.
- IBHS will complete a quality assurance review and offer helpful guidance to homeowners before ordering a 3rd party evaluation. An evaluator will visit the property to document and verify compliance before IBHS reviews the documentation and issues a designation certificate.
- Because maintaining the 5-foot noncombustible Zone 0, part of the overall 30 feet of defensible space, is crucial for effective wildfire mitigation, each year designated homeowners must submit photos of their yard to verify maintenance requirements have been met.
- A Wildfire Prepared Home designation is valid for three years, with required annual landscape reviews. After three years, homeowners can reapply.

Get started today with the How-To Prepare Your Home Checklist, available at wildfireprepared.org.

Wildfire Prepared Home is available in California for single-family, detached homes.

We offer two achievable solutions. To receive a designation certificate, the home must meet all requirements listed for the desired level.

- Wildfire Prepared Home is typically achieved through retrofits to existing homes.
- Wildfire Prepared Home Plus is commonly achieved with new home construction or after exterior home renovations.

When a wildfire threatens, homes are most often ignited by embers carried in the wind. Once a home ignites, there is a 90% chance it will be destroyed. The Wildfire Prepared Home designation combats ember ignition. The Plus designation level further protects a home from direct flame and radiant heat.

