

# WILDFIRE PREPARED

— A PROGRAM OF IBHS —

Based on the latest research, the Wildfire Prepared Home designation program enables homeowners to take a set of preventative measures for their home and yard to meaningfully reduce wildfire risk. 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.

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*Wildfire Prepared Home is designed to reduce the chance your home will ignite by creating a 0-5 Foot Noncombustible Zone, preparing the home's exterior and maintaining the deck and yard.*

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## How it works:

- Wildfire Prepared Home addresses the roof, specific building features and defensible space, including the 0–5 Foot Noncombustible Zone 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 to 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 0-5-foot Noncombustible Zone, 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 reviews. After three years, homeowners can reapply.

**Get started today with the How-To Prepare Your Home Checklist, available at [wildfireprepared.org](https://wildfireprepared.org).**

Wildfire Prepared Home is available in California and Oregon 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 Base provides protection from embers and is typically achieved through retrofits to existing homes.
- Wildfire Prepared Home Plus builds on Wildfire Prepared Home Base requirements and provides added protection from flames and radiant heat. It is commonly achieved with new home construction or after exterior home renovations.

Embers are the leading cause of home ignition from wildfire. Once a home ignites, there is a 90% chance it will be destroyed with or without firefighter intervention.

