

PROPERTY OWNERS

Protect your forest home

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Property owners living in rural or semi-rural areas should be aware of the hazards related to wildfire and take precautions to protect their home and property. Here are some steps you can take to reduce the risk of loss in a wildfire event.

Your Home



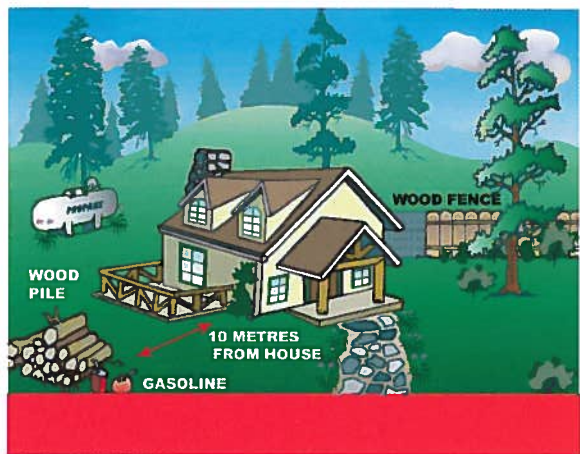
Good Practices

- Metal or tile roofing.
- Chimney above roof line with proper spark arrester.
- Roof is clean. No overhanging branches.
- Gutters clean of flammable debris.
- Wood stored a safe distance from structure.
- Fuel, paint, and other flammable items properly stored in outbuilding.
- Skirting around the base of buildings and decks.
- Area surrounding structures is relatively free of combustible materials.
- Trees have been pruned to create vertical separation with the ground.
- Trees have been thinned out creating good horizontal separation.
- Entrance to property has a clearly visible sign indicating house number.

For more information contact a Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Management Headquarters or Fire Advisor nearest you.

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Managing other Flammables on your Property



Areas of Concern

- Wood, asphalt shingles or tar paper.
- Chimney below roofline and no spark arrester.
- Moss needles and overhanging branches covering roof.
- Improper wood storage beside and around structures.
- Fuel stored too close to structure.
- No skirting around the base of buildings and decks.
- Large amounts of combustible material surrounding structure.
- Tree branches are low to the ground creating a fire ladder from the ground to the tree crowns.
- Trees too close together
- Poor or no visibility of signs indicating house number or name.

