

Home Hardening Checklist
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ZONE 1	Ignition Space - Out 5'	Date Done
ROOF		
Repair any damage caused by age, UV exposure, wind etc. Care and replacement of roofs should be the highest priority. An old roof will increase the risk of home loss more than any other single component.		
Clear debris that has collected in roof valleys and gutters (such as tree needles, twigs, and leaves). If you have "bird spikes" at roof edges, clear debris.		
VENTS		
Check all vents to be sure they are intact and clear of debris.		
Replace damaged, over sized, or missing vents. All vents should be 1/8" to 1/4" metallic mesh to prevent embers from entering. Do not use fiberglass or plastic as they will burn and/or melt.		
Clear flammable materials stored near the inside of vents		
Protect eaves and cornices with baffles to block embers.		
WINDOWS		
Consider coverings for windows made of non-combustible material or plywood. Windows break with high heat or flame exposure providing an entry point for the fire. Double pane or tempered glass windows offer more protection.		
DECKS		
Keep clean of debris above and below the deck. Don't store any combustible materials below the deck especially where the deck meets the wall. If the area below the deck cannot be cleared out you can enclose with non-combustible material.		
Clear the deck of all unnecessary items such as door mats, umbrellas, plants in baskets and wicker furniture. Any remaining items should be cleared in the event of a wildfire.		
SIDING		
Check siding for any damage and gaps and repair or replace. If you have wood shingles consider purchasing a gel fire retardant to be sprayed on in the event of a wildfire.		
Research fire retardant gel.		
Contact Cal Fire and Fire Department to let them know that gel and applicator will be available at your property.		
VEGETATION		
Replace or remove any highly combustible plants. Well tended and irrigated gardens are ok outside of the 5' Ignition Zone 1.		

