

- Post emergency phone numbers near phones.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at your home.
- Select a safe meeting point at your house, school, and work.
- Choose an out-of-town contact and make sure everyone knows the contact's phone number.
- Identify escape routes and nearby safe places.
- Print a copy of the [wildfire evacuation checklist](#).



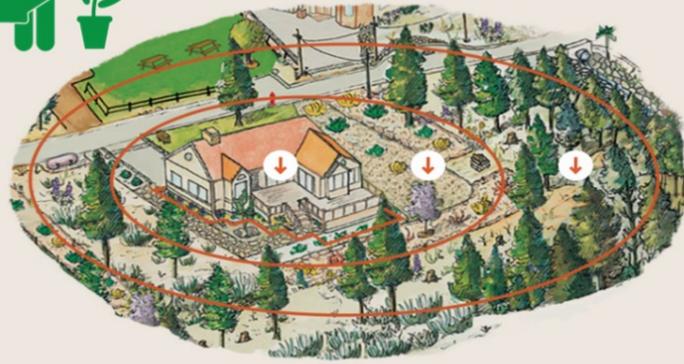
Establish A Vegetation Management Plan

Not only is winter a great time to make plans for your next garden, it's also the perfect time to plan how you'll manage your vegetation to reduce the threat of wildfire. Here are tips for preparing your property:

- Remove dead vegetation and replace with low flammability herbaceous plants using recommendations from the [Backyard Native Plants](#) guide.
- Create a noncombustible zone at least 5' wide around the base of your home. This area needs to have a very low potential for ignition from flying embers.
- Create separation between shrubs and trees and remove low tree branches and shrubs under trees to prevent ladder fuels.
- Keep your yard lean, clean, and green. Keeping plants healthy, green, and irrigated will reduce wildfire threat.
- [Contact your local Fire District](#) for a free defensible space evaluation in the spring to get specifics on maintaining vegetation on your property.



Defensible Space: Proper management of vegetation surrounding the home reduces the wildfire threat.



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