

Home & Property Questionnaire

As part of the NFPA Firewise assessment process, I need specific information about your home and property. Please complete this checklist and send it to me along with your Individual Risk Assessment.

Number of people in your residence

Lot Size

Less than .10 acre

.10 to .50 acres

.51 acres to 1 acre

Greater than 1 acre

Roofing Material

Metal

Tile

Class A Asphalt

Fiberglass Shingles

Non-combustible with mesh or screening soffit vents: a screened vent on the underside component of the eaves that allows air to flow to the attic or the space below roof sheathing.

Yes

No

Siding

Aluminum

Cement

Masonry

Plaster

Stucco

Vinyl

Wood

Skirting: Material used around the bottom of homes and sometime decks to protect the underside from exposure

Yes

No

Attachments: Wood vs Non-Combustible Materials (Examples of non-combustible materials include decks made with wood-plastic composites, higher density tropical hardwood, or fire retardant treated decking materials, and fences that use metal or masonry where attached directly to the siding of a home.)

Wood

Non-combustible

Windows

Single Pane

Multi-Plane

Roof / gutter debris (cleaned and maintained their roof and gutters, leaf litter, pine needles, etc.)

Yes

No

Gutter type

Vinyl

Metal Non-Combustible

Immediate Zone: 0–5 feet from the furthest attached point of homes. Zone Zero is now law in the State of California. This area addresses the immediate vegetation and materials, creating a combustible-free area. Items to consider:

Is there dead vegetation, dried leaves, pine needles, and ground debris near foundations?

Yes

No

Has hardscaping been used around perimeters to keep them free of litter / debris?

Yes

No

Are there concrete, stone, or gravel walkways?

Yes

No

Have wood mulch products been replaced with non-combustible alternatives, such as crushed stone gravel options?

Yes

No

Are there trees / shrubs next to the home?

Yes

No

Are there branches overhanging the roof or within 10 feet of chimneys?

Yes

No

Intermediate Zone: 5–30 feet from the furthest exterior point of the home. This area uses landscaping and breaks (areas of non-combustible materials such as dirt, cement, or rock) to help influence and decrease fire behavior. Items to consider:

Are there fuel breaks such as driveways, walkways/paths, patios, and decks?

Yes

No

Are lawns and native grasses maintained? General recommendation is a height of 4 inches.

Yes

No

Is vegetation in this area spread out? It is recommended that trees and shrubs should be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up continuity; trees should be spaced to a minimum of 18 feet between crowns.

Yes

No

Have ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) been removed so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns? Have trees been pruned? General recommendations are up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground; for shorter trees, do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height.

Yes

No

Are plants, trees, and lawns watered to keep them from becoming dry?

Yes

No

Extended Zone: 30–100 feet, out to 200 feet (where applicable). Generally, this area focuses on

landscaping—managing the vegetation to influence fire behavior and spread. The goal here is not to eliminate fire but to interrupt fire’s path and keep flames smaller and on the ground. At these distances, property lines may overlap, presenting the opportunity and need to work collaboratively with neighbors. Items to consider:

Are there heavy accumulations of ground litter / debris?

- Yes
- No

Is there dead plant and tree material that should be removed?

- Yes
- No

Are storage sheds and / or other outbuildings in this zone clear of vegetation?

- Yes
- No

Do mature trees have small conifers and brush growing between them or is the space maintained?

- Yes
- No

Do trees 30–60 feet from the home have at least 12 feet between canopy tops?

- Yes
- No

Is there at least 6 feet between canopy tops of trees located 60–100 feet from the home?

- Yes
- No

Common areas or adjacent public lands: (community owned/managed)

- Not adjacent to wildlands with accumulated fuels
- Adjacent to wildlands with accumulated fuels

Is there a management plan for these fuels? If so, please describe
