



CHECKLIST: WINTER WILDFIRE

A Guide to Winter Wildfire Prevention

1. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Remove dry grasses, dead leaves/branches, and any other flammable debris from around the property.
- Maintain a clearance of at least 10 feet (3 meters) between tree branches and buildings.
- Ensure that trees and shrubs are spaced appropriately.
- Incorporate fire-resistant plants, gravel, or stone in landscaping near buildings.

2. DEFENSIBLE SPACE

- Maintain a defensible space of at least 30 feet (approx. 10 meters) around buildings.
- Use non-flammable materials such as gravel, stone, or concrete in areas directly adjacent to buildings.

3. BUILDING & STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

- Clean roofs and gutters regularly.
- Use non-combustible materials (ie. stucco, brick, or fiber cement siding) on exterior walls.
- Install ember-resistant vents.
- Upgrade to double-pane or tempered glass windows that are more heat-resistant.

4. UTILITY & EQUIPMENT SAFETY

- Make sure power lines near the property are well maintained.
- Ensure generators and equipment are fire-safe.

5. PROACTIVE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

- Schedule walkthroughs to inspect landscaping, gutters, roofing, and utility equipment.
- Identify areas where embers could enter or where flammable materials are too close to buildings.