

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

ZONE 0



INFO

The Zone 0 area, the zone within 5 feet of your home, is critical to protecting your home from ember ignition.



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Why is zone 0 so important?

Zone 0, the zone within 5 feet of your home, should be the most important area to focus on when it comes to making changes in the immediate vicinity of your home to reduce your home's vulnerability to embers and ignition. Creating an ember-resistant zone around the home means that nothing combustible is placed in this area, such as mulch, stored wood, combustible fencing or furniture, and any other items that are flammable, such as combustible liquids like propane. The selection, location and maintenance of surrounding vegetation and landscaping is also an important factor in protecting your home from ember ignition see <https://defensiblespace.org/plants>.

This area is an excellent place to consider constructing walkways constructed out of gravel, concrete, bricks, or other noncombustible materials, or similar hardscape. Landscaping in this area should only consist of nonflammable, non "woody" vegetation types. Considering exterior construction materials, such as vents, roofs, gutters, and windows are all important parts of Zone 0 protection.



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Zone 0 - The area within 0-5 feet of your home

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Walk around your home to take an inventory of what is located in the 0-5 foot zone

If any combustibles are located in this area, remove them and place them at least 5 feet away from your home. Items such as mulch, stored firewood, combustible fencing or furniture, and any other items that are flammable, such as combustible liquids like propane, should be stored at least 5 feet away from the edge of your home.

BAD 



Combustible vegetation in Zone 0

BAD 



Combustible firewood and liquids in Zone 0

GOOD 



Noncombustible vegetation with gravel path in Zone 0

GOOD 



Noncombustible area in Zone 0

