



READY, SET, GO!

IMMEDIATE ZONE



The main objective of the Immediate Zone, or 0 to 5 feet zone, is to reduce the potential that embers landing near a building will ignite fuels and expose the area around a home to a direct flame.



The Immediate Zone is the most important zone to reduce home ignition from flying embers. Install hard surfaces, reduce vegetation, and eliminate combustible mulch.

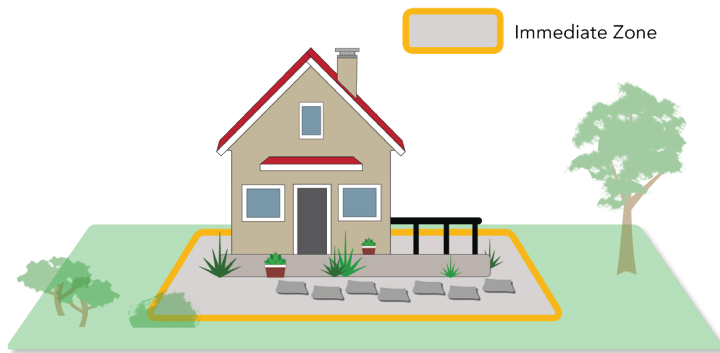


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Changes made to the Immediate Zone can make a big impact in reducing structure loss during a wildfire

- Use hardscape like gravel, pavers, concrete and other noncombustible material. No combustible bark or mulch
- Remove all dead and dying weeds, grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches and vegetative debris (leaves, needles, cones, bark, etc.); Check your roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.
- Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet
- Limit plants in this area to low growing (below 2 feet), nonwoody, properly watered and maintained plants
- Limit combustible items (outdoor furniture, storage, planters, etc.) on top of decks
- Relocate firewood and lumber 30 feet away from buildings
- Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives
- Consider relocating garbage and recycling containers outside this zone
- Consider relocating boats, RVs, vehicles and other combustible items outside this zone



For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a Wildfire Home Assessment.

Regulations for wildfire safety are dynamic and new requirements may be enacted by the State of California and its regulatory agencies at any time. Projects must comply with all state requirements for vegetation management and wildfire safety, in addition to the requirements in this guideline, in place at the time of plan submittal. Where a conflict between this guideline and other applicable regulations exists, the more stringent or specific requirement will apply.