

# Being Safer from Wildfires Can Help With Your Insurance



**Safer from Wildfires** is a ground-up approach to wildfire resilience with three layers of protection — for the structure, the immediate surroundings, and the community. Following these achievable steps can help you save money on your insurance.

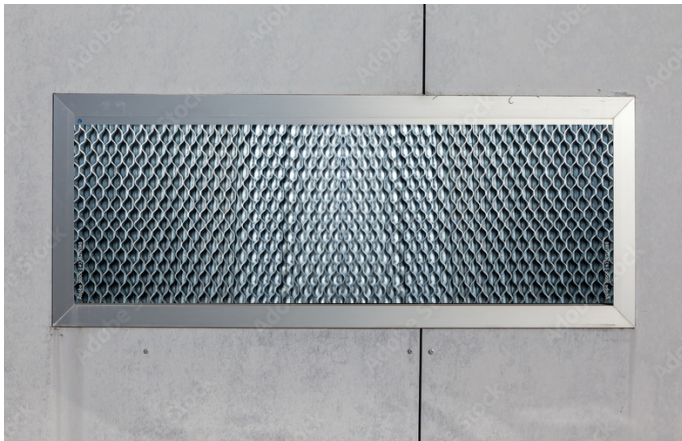


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# 3 Ways to Get Started with **Safer from Wildfires**

Don't know where to start? Here are 3 low-cost steps you can take today.



## Keep embers out

Installing 1/16 to 1/8 inch noncombustible, corrosion-resistant metal mesh screens over attic vents can keep wind-blown embers out of your house.



## Clear the first 5 feet

Removing greenery and replacing wood chips with stone or decomposed granite 5 feet around your home prevents fire from getting a foot in the door.



## Be safer together

With Firewise USA, communities as small as 8 dwelling units or as big as 2,500 can create an action plan and start being safer together. Firewise USA is a nationally recognized program with proven results, sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association.

## Do more, save more

Every action under **Safer from Wildfires** will qualify you for an insurance discount. By doing more, you can save more.

- Class A fire-rated roof
- 5-foot ember-resistant zone around the structure
- Noncombustible 6 inches at the bottom of walls
- Ember- and fire-resistant vents
- Double pane windows or added shutters
- Enclosed eaves
- Cleared vegetation and debris from under decks
- Move sheds and outbuildings at least 30 feet away
- Trim trees and remove brush in compliance with state and local defensible space laws
- Neighborhoods can form a Firewise USA community
- Cities, counties, and local districts can become certified as a Fire Risk Reduction Community

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