



WILDFIRES: Hot Stuff to Think About.



There were more than 71,000 wildfires in 2017.



In the United States, nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands.¹



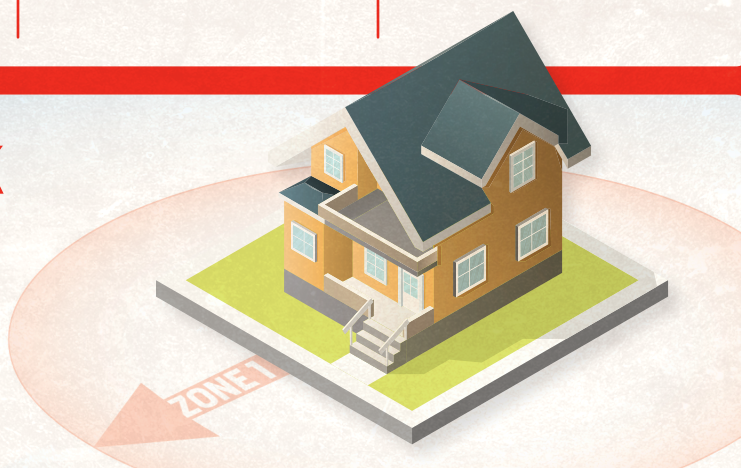
Verisk's 2017 Wildfire Analysis identified 4.5 million homes at high or extreme risk.²



Annualized losses due to wildfires range from \$63.5 billion to \$285 billion.³




REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

Create and maintain a defensible space – an area around the home that impedes wildfire. The state of California requires 100 feet of defensible space and recommends homeowners set-up two zones.⁴








ZONE 1: --- 30'

extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

-  Remove dead grass, dead plants and dry leaves from yard.
-  Keep chimney(s) cleaned and screened.
-  Scatter trees and keep tree branches trimmed.

ZONE 2: --- 100'

extends 100 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

-  Make driveway accessible with a visible street address.
-  Place wood piles and fuel tanks at least 30 feet away from structures.
-  Locate storage sheds away from house.
-  Regularly prune trees and bushes, removing dead leaves and needles.
-  Avoid outdoor burning; recycle mulch and compost.

SOURCES:

*1 - <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Wildfire-safety-tips>
 *2 - <https://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/facts-statistics-wildfires>
 *3 - <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.1215.pdf>
 *4 - <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Defensible-Space/>



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Go to <https://disastersafety.org/ibhs/ibhs-regional-wildfire-guides/> for more information on how to minimize wildfire risk.