



MAKE YOUR HOUSE STRONGER!

You can make your home stronger in the face of wildfires by retrofitting and making upgrades including:

- Replace non-metal vent materials
- Cover vents with wire mesh (now recommended 1/16")
- Cover openings under decks with wire mesh (now recommended 1/16")
- Repair any damaged window or door screens
- Replace any damaged window or door framing
- Upgrade to non-combustible siding
- Install a fire-resistant (metal or cement) roof cover
- Upgrade to heat and flame-resistant windows
- Install non-combustible (metal) leaf guards over gutters
- Replace broken or flammable gutters with metal gutters
- Install residential house sprinklers
- Protect eaves, overhangs and soffits
- Move fuel tanks at least 30 feet away
- Provide clearance of minimum 30 feet around propane tanks
- Move any log piles a minimum of 30 feet away from house or preferably store inside a structure
- In the event of an imminent fire danger remove all patio cushions off deck and inside house or other structure
- If you have a deck, use metal baseboard on decking to cover gaps or adjacency to walls
- Remove any shrubbery or trees within 5-foot radius of house or at least keep everything well-watered and green
- Any tree branches that overhang the house should be lopped and/or cut back
- Remove or trim drastically any trees growing onto power lines