

IMMEDIATE ZONE CHECKLIST

Home and Building Materials

- ☐ **1. Crawl spaces:** Remove combustible materials and install 1/8" mesh screening on vents.
- ☐ **2. Decks and elevated porches:** Line ground with gravel and place 1/8" mesh screening between low-profile decks from surface to ground to block embers. Remove debris, leaves and needles from deck surfaces.
- ☐ **3. Eaves, Soffits and Vents:** Reduce the size and number of embers that pass through. Cover vents and eaves by covering them with a 1/8" metal mesh screening. Use closure devices for foundation vents and installing a louver-type dryer vent that stays closed unless the dryer is running.
- ☐ **4. Gutters:** Keep gutters clean of all material.
- ☐ **5. Roof:** Keep roofs clear of leaf litter and pine needles.
- ☐ **6. Windows:** Consider double-paned windows or shutters over single-paned windows to mitigate radiant heat.

Landscaping / Hardscaping

- ☐ **7.** Dead Vegetation, dried leaves, pine needles and ground debris should be removed.
- ☐ **8.** Consider installing hardscaping around the perimeter of the home — keep free of ground/litter debris.
- ☐ **9.** Remove trees and shrubs from the area, especially Juniper, and/or replace with succulents.
- ☐ **10.** Trim trees that overhang into this area.
- ☐ **11.** Avoid wood mulch — use compost or leave bare dirt.
- ☐ **12.** Ensure you have at least 6" of non-ignitable material before your siding.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE CHECKLIST

Landscaping/Hardscaping

- ☐ **1.** Mow vegetation around propane tanks.
- ☐ **2.** Create fuel breaks with walkways, patios and decks.
- ☐ **3.** Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of four inches.
- ☐ **4.** Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns.
- ☐ **5.** Tree placement should be planned to ensure that the mature canopy is at least 10 feet from the structure.
- ☐ **6.** Water trees, plants and lawns to keep them from becoming dry.

EXTENDED ZONE CHECKLIST

Landscaping

- ☐ **1.** Dispose of heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris.
- ☐ **2.** Remove dead plant and tree material.
- ☐ **3.** Remove small conifers growing between mature trees.
- ☐ **4.** Remove vegetation adjacent to storage sheds or other outbuildings within this area.
- ☐ **5.** Clear alleyways of vegetation, overhanging trees and ground debris.
- ☐ **6.** Trees 30 to 60 feet from the home should have at least 12 feet between canopy tops.