

# Ember Defenses

## An Ember Prevention Checklist

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- Clean pine needles and leaves from:
  - valleys
  - dormers
  - where the roof intersects with the siding
  - crooks and corners
- Screen vents on or under the roof with 1/8" wire mesh.
- Screen vents in the foundation with 1/8" wire mesh.
- Seal the lower edges of any unsealed siding.
- Keep combustibles away from lower edges of siding, including mulch.
- Keep flammables, including plants, away from windows or glass patio doors (conductive heat can easily break the window).
- Clear combustibles upon or underneath your decks and porches.
- Remove decayed wood from around the home's exterior—encouraged by direct sprinkling, decayed wood is particularly susceptible to ignition.
- Replace wood fencing with a wire or metal fence with well-maintained vines.
- Remove dead leaves and branches from vines growing on fences and trellises.
- Break up continuity with a gate of non-flammable materials.
- Use metal, masonry or stucco as a barrier where a combustible fence attaches directly to your house.
- Ensure combustibles are stored away from fence.

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For detailed instruction, see [The Homeowner's Guide to Wildfire Prevention](#)