

Home Ignition Zone

fire risk reduction measures

- ① Keep roof and roof gutters clean of needles and leaves.
- ② Put metal screening on any vents, particularly those leading to the attic.
- ③ Use fire-resistant siding or, at least, metal flashing for 25 cm from ground.
- ④ If a wooden deck connects to the house, place a wide metal flashing to connect deck to siding.
- ⑤ Enclose the area under the deck to prevent embers from getting underneath.
- ⑥ Create a 1.5 meter non-combustible zone around your house, deck and any outbuildings.
- ⑦ If a wooden fence connects to the house, the last 1.5 meters to the house should be non-combustible.
- ⑧ Avoid using bark or pine needle mulch in any gardens close to the house.
- ⑨ Remove any conifers (juniper, pine and spruce) within 10 meters of the house.
- ⑩ Move firewood, lumber at least 10 meters away from any buildings.



Resources

Useful Websites

firesmartbc.ca – excellent resource for all aspects of firesmarting

getprepared.ca – good resource for evacuation preparedness

firesmartcanada.ca – national firesmart organization

firesafemarin.org – excellent multi-media material on wildfire preparedness from a California municipality.

wildfireawareness.org – Whitehorse-based wildfire preparedness organization.

whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse - Whitehorse city site for booking a Firesmart Home Assessment.

shop.waswildfire.ca - information on wildfire sprinklers available at Canadian Tire.

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