FireSmart actions reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your home.

Tasks to help you get started:

- [ ] Clean gutters and roofs.
- [ ] Clear leaves and debris from decks and balconies.
- [ ] Keep grass and weeds under 10 cm.
- [ ] Store firewood and lumber 10-30 m from structures.
- [ ] Move propane tanks 10–30 m away from structures.
- [ ] Keep combustible vegetation at least 10 m away from propane tanks.
- [ ] Trim trees to achieve a 2 m clearance from the ground
- [ ] Apply these standards to sheds and outbuildings.

For additional FireSmart tips, visit firesmartbc.ca

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Co-operators Partnership

Co-operators has partnered with FireSmart BC to encourage homeowners to take advantage of the FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program (WMP).

Clients who are certified through the WMP and/or live in a FireSmart recognized neighbourhood could qualify for a discount on their home insurance.

Contact your Co-operators representative to learn more.
www.cooperators.ca/en/contact-us

Learn more and schedule a free assessment at FireSmartBC.ca/wmp

FireSmart™ BC Wildfire Mitigation Program

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FireSmart™ BC Wildfire Mitigation Program

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A free, voluntary program providing professional home and structure assessments with tailored recommendations to boost wildfire resilience.



Wildfire Mitigation Program

A free, voluntary program to help residents reduce wildfire risk:

- Confidential home assessment by a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- Detailed report with a fire risk reduction plan
- Custom recommendations and resources for fire resilience
- Follow-up inspection available after actions are taken
- FireSmart certificate upon completing all recommendations



Who's Behind the Program?

FireSmart BC, local governments, Indigenous communities, the private sector, and residents in BC.

Protect your home. Save money.

- Some home insurance companies offer discounts for participating in the WMP. Check with your provider for details.
- Your community may offer 50% cost-sharing rebates for implementing eligible activities. To learn more, scan the QR code below.

Learn More:
firesmartbc.ca/firesmart-coordinators

How to Schedule an Assessment:

1. Visit FireSmartBC.ca/wmp.
2. Find your community on the map.
3. Fill out the online application.
4. A local Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will contact you to set up the assessment.



Based on Research:

FireSmart recommendations are grounded in wildfire science. Research shows that homes are often ignited not by a large wall of flame, but by embers, radiant heat, and nearby combustible materials. The findings below highlight some of the key factors that influence how homes ignite during wildfires.

- Embers are one of the leading causes of home ignitions during wildfires.
- Embers can travel well ahead of the fire front, igniting vulnerable areas around homes and buildings.
- Reducing combustible materials near the home is one of the most effective ways to lower wildfire risk.
- The first 1.5 metres around the home is the most critical zone to remove combustible materials.
- Managing vegetation and other fuels within 10 metres of the home further reduces risk.
- Steep slopes and highly flammable vegetation can increase a home's exposure to wildfire.

To explore these findings in more detail, and to learn more about the research that supports FireSmart recommendations, visit the FireSmart BC Research Corner **firesmartbc.ca/research-corner**

