



Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildland Fire



Evacuation tips

Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local authorities.

If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.



Quickly address outside surroundings

Complete a scan around your home and property and take steps to remove combustibles.



Check around the house

Check vents on roof, foundation and exterior walls to prevent embers from entering your home.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review your evacuation plan for your family and pets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/ for helpful tips and evacuation plan templates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have your emergency kit ready and stocked with cash, portable radio, prescription medications, eye glasses, change of clothes, pet food, flashlights and batteries, etc. Make sure your phone numbers, insurance information and other important documents for your emergency kit are current. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/ for a more complete list of emergency supplies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Before evacuating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn off air conditioning. Turn off your home water, electricity and gas. Close all doors, garage doors and windows. If weather seal or doors have gaps, seal with duct tape.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove everything combustible within 10 m of your home, such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood, and potted plants that are on and under your deck and within 10 m of your home. Prioritize the first 1.5 m (5 ft) around your home and deck moving outwards from there. Move all combustible items into your shed, home, or garage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mow grass and weeds within 10 m of the house to 10 cm in length or less.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 m of your home. Maintain a 1.5 m non-combustible surface around your home and deck by sweeping or raking down to mineral soil, rock, or concrete. Remove all bark mulch within 1.5 m of your home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a propane tank located on your property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move propane tanks to more than 10 m away from structures. Remove weeds and other debris from the area around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near the tank.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure the gate in an open position. Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check your attic and foundation (crawl space) vents to see if they are screened and in good repair. Use duct or metal tape to temporarily cover damaged vents and those with 3 mm mesh screening.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you store cardboard boxes and other easily ignited materials near a vent in your attic or crawl space, move them as far away as possible from vent(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another option is to place tape over vent(s) at these locations. Be sure to remove tape when you return home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover dryer vents and wall-mounted make-up air openings for furnaces with a plywood cover, metal tape or duct tape. Be sure to remove plywood, metal tape or duct tape when you return home.



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0 m to 1.5 m