

# Weather TIPS

Keeping your home safe  
before a storm hits.



## Wildfire

- 1 Create a defensible space to keep your home safe.**  
Materials within five feet of your home may catch fire and burn long enough to spread. Remove all combustible material, dead vegetation and any tree limbs that hang over your home.
- 2 Keep the roof and gutters free of debris.**  
Debris, such as pine needles and leaves, can collect on your roof and in gutters, which can ignite when embers from a nearby wildfire reach your home.
- 3 Seal entry doors, windows and garage doors.**  
Ensure that areas around openings, such as doors, windows and garage doors, are sealed to prevent embers from entering your home.
- 4 Don't store wood on or underneath a deck.**  
Decks can be a focal point for fire ignition. When replacing deck boards, opt for non-combustible decking. When fire potential is high, move patio furniture inside to prevent them from being a source of ignition.
- 5 Retrofit your home for wildfire risks.**  
To make your home more wildfire resistant, the Insurance Institute of Business and Home Safety has complete [regional wildfire retrofit guides](#).