

✓ Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire



Evacuation Tips

Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local authorities.

If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.

	<p>Review your evacuation plan for your family and pets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for helpful tips and evacuation plan templates.
	<p>Have your “ready to go kit” (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 go bag are current.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for a more complete list of emergency supplies.
	<p>Before evacuating:</p> <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.



Quickly address outside surroundings

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

	<p>Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.</p>
	<p>Mow grass and weeds within 10 metres of the house to 10 centimetres in length, or less.</p>
	<p>Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 metres of your home. Maintain a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home and deck by sweeping or raking down to mineral soil, rock or concrete.</p>
	<p>Move combustible items such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood, and potted plants, that are on and under your deck and within 10 metres of your home. Move all combustible items into your home or garage.</p>
	<p>If you have a propane tank located on your property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Propane tanks should be moved to 10 metres away from structures.Remove weeds and other debris from area around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near tank.
	<p>If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure gate in an open position.Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.



Check around the house

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

	<p>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 millimetres mesh screening.</p>
	<p>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).</p> <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.
	<p>Cover dryer vents and wall-mounted make-up air openings for furnaces with a plywood cover, metal tape or duct tape.</p>



Visit www.firesmartcanada.ca for additional resources and information.