



## Defensible Space and Home Hardening Resources Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible space and home hardening are the first lines of defense against wildfire.

Defensible space is the area around a structure (including homes and other buildings) where flammable material is removed or reduced to help protect people, homes, and communities from wildfire. Adequate defensible space helps to slow or halt the progress of fire that might otherwise overcome a structure. It also aids in the safety of firefighters defending it.

Home hardening refers to defensible space compliance and the building materials used to protect a structure from wildfire-driven flames or embers. It can be applied to new construction or for retrofitting an older structure. Home hardening considers the relationship between a structure and its exposure to nearby combustible material such as vegetation, vehicles, outbuildings, fences, etc.

*For more information regarding defensible space and home hardening, please access the following resources:*

Defensible Space: [How To Create Defensible Space for Wildfire Safety | CAL FIRE](#)

Defensible Space During a Drought: [Defensible Space In Drought: Wildfire Preparedness | CAL FIRE](#)

Hardening Your Home Against Wildfires: [Home Hardening | CAL FIRE](#)

*Other Helpful Resources:*

Dead Tree Removal: [Dead Tree Removal For Wildfire Prevention: Our Guide | CAL FIRE](#)

Fire-Smart Landscaping: [Fire-Smart Landscaping For Enhanced Wildfire Safety | CAL FIRE](#)

Firewise Communities: [Building Firewise Communities: Wildfire Preparedness | CAL FIRE](#)

Property Wildfire Preparedness by Season: [Seasonal Actions To Take For a Wildfire-Ready Home | CAL FIRE](#)

*An ember-resistant Zone 0 helps save lives, protect homes, and protect communities.*