Protect your home from Wildfire

$4.9 billion

Insured losses from just three major wildfires (Kelowna, BC, 2003; Slave Lake, AB, 2011; and Fort McMurray, AB, 2016).

An average of 8,000 wildfires burn an average of 2.5 million hectares of forest each year in Canada. The following provides info on key areas that may require attention in order to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your home.

- Remove all trees, long grass, shrubs, logs, branches, twigs and needles and cut and water grass within 10 metres of structures.
- Use only fire retardant roofing rated Class A, B or C and fire resistant exterior siding.
- Thin trees (with three to six metres between crowns) for at least 30 metres from house.
- Install spark arrestor screens on chimneys.
- Enclose all eaves and screen all vents, including soffits.
- Enclose undersides of wood balconies, decks and crawlspace with flame resistant materials.
- Store fire wood and propane tanks at least 100 metres away from structures.

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