

# ***Take Responsibility...***

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## ***Tip Sheet***

### ***Help Prevent Wildfires From Spreading***

- Design and build your home with fire resistant materials and ensure all projects are maintained to code including the construction, landscape and all electrical components.
- Install residential sprinklers and maintain an emergency water supply that meets fire department standards.
- Avoid using gas or electrical yard equipment in the heat of the day or when the wind is blowing.
- Create a defensible space around your home by following five easy steps:
  - ✓ Remove dead shrubs, dried grass, fallen branches and dried leaves from 100 feet around your house.
  - ✓ Trim and separate plants and shrubs to stop fire from spreading.
  - ✓ Remove ladder fuels which are plants, shrubs and branches that let a fire on the ground climb into the trees.
  - ✓ Clear five feet around the base of your house and fill it with fire resistant plants or materials like rocks or gravel.
  - ✓ Take care of the clean, open space 100 feet around your home on a regular basis.

### ***Be Prepared If a Wildfire Occurs***

- First, if you see a fire approaching your home, report it immediately by dialing 9-1-1.
- Next, wear long pants and cotton or wool long-sleeve shirts to prevent burns and lifelong scars.
- Shut off liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or natural gas valves inside your home.
- Move inside and outside furniture away from the house, windows and sliding glass doors to keep them from catching fire.

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- Outside the home, cover windows, attic openings, eave vents, and sub-floor vents with materials that will slow a fire, such as ½ inch or thicker plywood.
- Place lawn sprinklers on flammable roofs, but do not turn them on unless the fire is an immediate threat.
- Remove your curtains and drapes. If you have metal blinds or special fire resistant window coverings, close them to block heat.
- Stay inside your house, away from outside walls. Close all doors, but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and remain calm.

For more information, visit [www.CAFireAlliance.com](http://www.CAFireAlliance.com).