



HOME IGNITION ZONE STRUCTURE ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Note: The assessment is designed to help determine “how vulnerable the structure” will be during the wildfire and to convey recommendations that should be taken so that the home will have a better chance to survive a wildfire.

Remember, the following assessment items are for prevention/mitigation measures to be done well in advance of wildfire season.

Date of Assessment:		Property Address:		Resident Name:		Property Owner:	
Assessment Items				Mitigation Recommendations			
1. OVERVIEW OF SURROUNDINGS							
How is the structure positioned in relationship to severe fire behavior?							
Type of Construction.							
2. CHIMNEY TO EAVES							
Inspect the roof – noncombustible? Shingles missing? Shingles flat with no gaps?							
Gutters – present? Noncombustible?							
Litter on roof, in gutters and crevices.							
3. TOP OF THE EXTERIOR WALL TO FOUNDATION							
Attic, eave, soffit vents and crawl spaces.							
Inspect windows and screens – metal screens? Multi-paned windows? Picture windows facing vegetation?							

3. TOP OF THE EXTERIOR WALL TO FOUNDATION (Continued)	
Walls and attachments – non-combustible? Will they collect litter?	
Decks – combustible materials?	
Fences.	
Flammable material next to or under the structure.	
Combustible materials near or on the structure where walls meet roof or decking surfaces.	
Crawl space, attic vents, soffits.	
Nooks and crannies and other small spaces.	
4. FOUNDATION TO IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPED AREA	
Landscaped (managed) vegetation – separation distances, maintenance, plant selection? Firewise Landscaping Zones?	
Propane Tanks.	
Vehicle and RV use and parking, including lawn mowers, etc.	
5. IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPED AREA TO EXTENT OF THE HOME IGNITION ZONE	
Inspect vegetation clearance and crown separation.	

