

# Home Hardening Self-Assessment

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Make efforts to increase your home or structure's chances of survival when wildfire strikes. A "chimney to foundation" approach that includes easy, small steps to harden (prepare) your home can make all the difference!

\* Design Committee approval may be required. Contact SROA's Community Development department for information.



## Roofs and Gutters

- Roofs and gutters have been cleared of pine needles and leaves
- The roofs shingles or tiles are in good condition
- Any open spaces between the roof and sheathing have been plugged or covered
- \* The home has a Class-A-rated roof

## Chimney

- \* A spark arrestor has been installed
- The fireplace flue is closed when the chimney is not in use

## Vents

- Gable, eave, soffit, and foundation vents are covered with 1/16 to 1/8-inch corrosion resistant metal mesh screening
- Foundation vents are ember and flame-resistant

## Siding

- \* The house siding is non-combustible
- All gaps greater than 1/8 inch are covered or plugged
- There is at least 6 inches of separation between the ground and bottom of siding

## Windows

- \* Dual paned, tempered glass windows have been installed
- \* Frames and screens are made of materials that do not melt
- Windows and skylights are closed before leaving the house for extended periods of time

## Decks

- Pine needles and debris are cleared from decks regularly
- Areas around and underneath decks are clear of combustible materials
- \* The deck is made of ignition resistant material

## Outdoor Furniture and Accessories

- All of the outdoor furniture is made with non-combustible materials
- Seat cushions, doormats, brooms, and other flammable items are removed or stored away before leaving the house for extended periods of time

## Garage and Exterior Doors

- All doors have intact weather stripping
- All doors seal well
- A battery back-up for the garage door opener motor has been installed
- Windows and vents in the garage are treated the same way as if it was a part of the house
- Combustible and flammable materials are stored away from any ignition source

## Carpports

- All combustible materials have been removed, stored inside, or in a weather sealed storage space

## Other

- \* House number is of contrasting color, in view under a light source and/or on a post at the lane
- All walkways/entrances to the house are clear for emergency crews

**Want to know more about creating defensible space on your property? Visit [www.sunriverowners.org](http://www.sunriverowners.org) for information about:**

- Home Hardening Self-Assessment
- Wildfire Property Preparedness
- Sunriver Ladder Fuels Reduction Plan
- SROA Design Committee Manual of Rules & Procedures



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