

## What should I do around my home?

### 3-5 feet around the home

Remove anything that can burn, including wood mulch, grass, plants, shrubs, and any flammable man-made objects. If you do plant here, choose deciduous plants that are low-growing and maintain space between plants. Bare dirt or rock mulch is a better choice than wood mulch.

### 30 feet around the home

Keep it lean, clean and green by mowing often, removing dead vegetation and cleaning up leaves and needles from around your home. Limit evergreens in this zone and prune lower branches. Outbuildings, firewood stacks and other flammable items are best located at least 30 feet away from the home.

### 30-100 feet from the home

Favor deciduous trees and shrubs over evergreens or mix the two. Create a clear transition from the surrounding natural area to your yard. In the natural area, remove accumulation of dead trees and brush on the forest floor and thin trees to maintain space between tree crowns.



### 100-200 feet from the home

For homes built on slopes and in pine plantations, the home ignition zone extends out to 200 feet.

## The first simple steps every homeowner should take to make their home safer from wildfire

- 1** Remove pine needles and leaves from roof and gutters.
- 2** Rake debris from under deck and around wood fences.
- 3** Keep lawn clean and green. Rake 30 feet around buildings.
- 4** Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.
- 5** Move firewood 30 feet away from buildings.
- 6** Prune dead branches off trees and shrubs.
- 7** Remove branches of evergreen trees up to a height of 6-10 feet to reduce the chance of a surface fire burning up the tree into the tree tops.
- 8** Know your local daily burning restrictions before conducting any outdoor burning.

Learn more at:

**Firewise.org**  
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How Wisconsin homeowners are protecting their homes from wildfire

Reduce the amount of flammable fuel within 3-5 feet of your home. Here a brick border and rock mulch provides a fuel break.

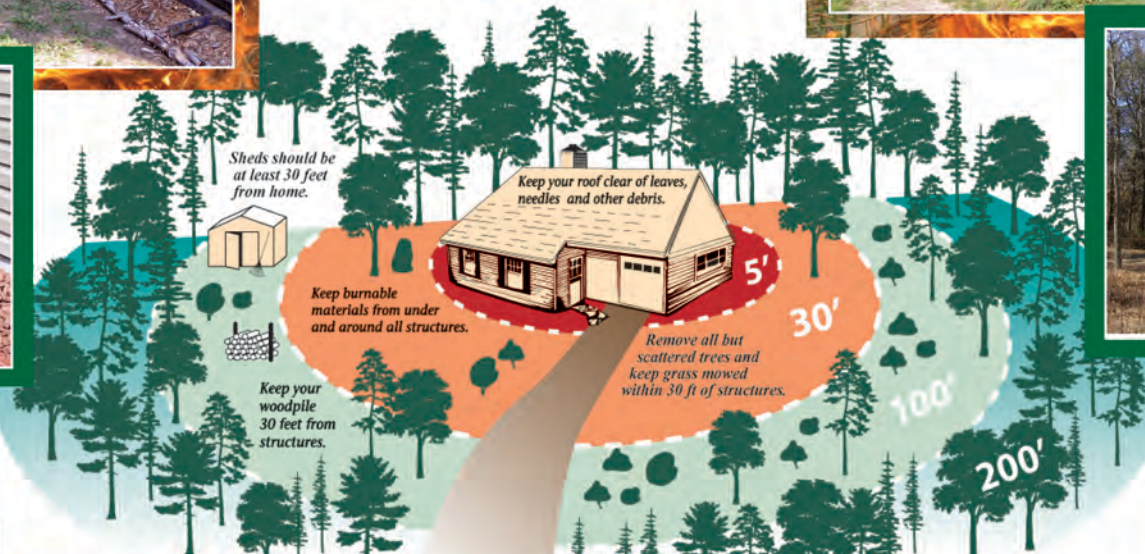
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**The Home Ignition Zone is your home and its surroundings out to 100-200 feet. You can make your home more Firewise by reducing the amount of fuel in your home ignition zone.**



**before**



Remove dead trees and brush within 100 feet of your home to reduce the intensity of an approaching wildfire.

**after**



**before**



Limit the number of evergreen trees within 30 feet of your home. After reducing the number of pine trees within 30-100 feet of this home, the homeowner plans to plant 2-3 deciduous trees to provide a safer mix of trees.

**after**



**before**



Clear the 10 foot area around flammable items like firewood stacks and propane tanks.

This homeowner removed the wooden pallet and put metal underneath the firewood stack instead. Pine needles will be raked away on a regular basis. Locate firewood and other flammables at least 30 feet from your home.

**after**

