



Wildfire Residential Mitigation Incentive Program

Owners' Activity Table: Additional Information and Special Requirements for People Who Own Houses, Trailers, and Mobile Homes



Wildfire resiliency activities	Specific requirements	Information for applicants	Maximum eligible CAD\$
Build/purchase an emergency preparedness kit in case of evacuation or shelter-in-place orders: Build an Emergency Kit — Canadian Red Cross .	Photos of the kit and receipts for any items purchased	Keep a disaster preparedness kit at home with enough supplies for your family, including pets, for at least 3 days . Including non-perishable food, water, and essentials now ensures you can provide for your family during an emergency.	\$50
Remove debris from eavestroughs around your home.	Before and after photos	Removing debris from eavestroughs is critical to preventing combustible* materials such as leaves and pine needles from igniting during a wildfire. If you do not remove it, this debris can easily catch fire and spread to the roof and home, increasing the risk of the entire building burning down.	\$50
Remove all combustible* ground cover such as mulch and plants within 1.5 metres of the house perimeter.	Before and after photos	The 1.5-metre area around your home is the most vulnerable to wind-blown embers during a wildfire. Create an area around your home that can resist catching fire as mulch and certain plants can ignite easily and transfer flames or heat to the structure.	\$50
Remove combustible* materials (firewood, lumber, and non-fire-resistant vegetation) stored within 10 metres of house perimeter and from under the decks.	Before and after photos	Firewood, lumber, and non-fire-resistant plants, trees, and shrubs can ignite easily during a wildfire, producing intense heat and flames that spread to nearby structures. Decks and areas close to the home are especially dangerous, particularly if the flammable items are stored close by, as they provide a direct pathway for fire to reach the building. Keeping this zone clear reduces the risk of a fire spreading to your home and increases your home's chances of surviving a wildfire.	\$50
Prune trees to create a 2-metre clearance from the ground to the lowest tree branches.	Before and after photos	A ladder fire is when flames climb from the ground to the tree canopy via low branches. This rapid spread makes the fire harder to control and more dangerous. Maintaining a 2-metre clearance helps reduce this risk and slows the fire's vertical spread.	\$50

(*Combustible means things that can easily catch fire and burn.)

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Perform roof maintenance/repairs.	Before and after photos and receipts/invoices	A well-maintained roof is vital to protecting your home from wildfires. Wind-blown embers can enter through gaps, cracks, or missing shingles, potentially igniting the attic and causing internal fires. Regular inspections, sealing openings, and timely repairs help block ember entry, enhance the roof's ability to withstand heat, and reduce the risk of collapse or fire spread.	\$100
Repair windows and/or exterior doors.	Before and after photos and receipts/invoices	Re-caulk, fix gaps and cracks, and replace weather stripping to minimize exposure of combustible materials to fire and/or embers and remove entry points for water and heat.	\$100
Repair cracks, gaps, holes in exterior cladding/siding.	Before and after photos and receipts/invoices	Minimize exposure of combustible materials to fire and/or embers and remove entry points for water and heat.	\$100
Install non-combustible gutter guards.	Before and after photos and proof that new gutter guards are made of non-combustible materials (e.g., contractor's receipt, material specifications)	During a wildfire, one of the greatest threats to homes is wind-driven embers. These embers can travel kilometres ahead of the main fire and ignite leaves and other debris that accumulate in gutters. Note that the gutter guard prevents buildup in eavestroughs, allowing for water flow, which could also mitigate flooding around the home.	\$150
FireSmart™ tree replacement. *Refer to list of qualifying trees .	Before and after photos and receipts	Tree replacement must adhere to FireSmart™ Guidelines , and trees must be planted no closer than 10 metres from the residence.	\$1,000
Remove trees within 10 metres of the residence in accordance with FireSmart™ guidelines.	Before and after photos and receipts/invoices Professional tree removal services must complete the work.	Removing trees that are not FireSmart™ rated within 10 metres (intermediate zone) of your home can reduce wildfire risk by slowing down how fast a fire spreads and make it easier for emergency crews to access your property. See FireSmart Alberta's Home Ignition Zone poster .	\$1,000

Disclaimer: It is important to note that no measure can completely eliminate the risk of damage or loss. Mitigation activities can help reduce the risk and potential impact of natural disasters, but they do not guarantee that properties will not be affected or damaged in the event of a hazard. It is important to always have a plan in place for emergencies and to follow any evacuation orders issued by local authorities. For additional information and helpful resources, visit <https://firesmartcanada.ca/>.