



Fire Season Checklist

1. Gutter Cleaning: Eliminate Fire Hazards

Clogged gutters filled with leaves, pine needles, and debris can become ignition points during a wildfire. Embers can easily ignite this material, leading to roof fires. Regular gutter cleaning is crucial, especially before and during fire season.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Schedule professional gutter cleaning at least twice a year, ideally in late spring and early fall.
- ☐ Install ember-resistant gutter guards to prevent debris accumulation.
- ☐ Inspect downspouts to ensure proper water flow and reduce fire risk.

2. Gas Leak Testing: Prevent Explosive Hazards

Gas leaks pose a significant fire risk, especially during wildfire season. Undetected leaks can lead to explosions or exacerbate fires. Regular gas leak testing ensures your home's safety.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Have a certified professional conduct annual gas leak inspections.
- ☐ Install gas leak detectors near appliances and in basements.
- ☐ Know how to shut off your gas supply in case of an emergency.



3. Home Hardening Assessments: Fortify Your Home

Home hardening involves making your home more resistant to wildfires by using fire-resistant materials and design techniques. Assessments identify vulnerabilities and recommend improvements.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Schedule a home hardening assessment to evaluate your home's resilience.
- ☐ Replace wood siding and shingles with fire-resistant materials like stucco or metal.
- ☐ Install ember-resistant vents and double-pane windows.
- ☐ Seal gaps and openings to prevent ember intrusion.

Additional Fire Season Preparation Tips

Create Defensible Space

Defensible space is a buffer zone between your home and the surrounding vegetation, designed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Clear all flammable vegetation within 30 feet of your home.
- ☐ Trim trees to keep branches at least 10 feet from structures.
- ☐ Remove dead plants, leaves, and pine needles from your yard.



Prepare an Emergency Kit

An emergency kit ensures you have essential supplies during a wildfire evacuation.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Pack a "Go Bag" with necessities like water, food, medications, and important documents.
- ☐ Include N95 masks to protect against smoke inhalation.
- ☐ Keep the kit in an easily accessible location.

Develop an Evacuation Plan

Having a clear evacuation plan can save lives during a wildfire.

Action Steps:

- ☐ Identify multiple evacuation routes from your home.
- ☐ Establish a communication plan with family members.
- ☐ Practice evacuation drills regularly.



Wildfire Preparedness Checklist: Summary

- ☐ Clean gutters and install ember-resistant guards.
- ☐ Conduct annual gas leak testing.
- ☐ Schedule a home hardening assessment.
- ☐ Create and maintain defensible space.
- ☐ Prepare an emergency kit with essential supplies.
- ☐ Develop and practice an evacuation plan.