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Top 10 - Every Resident Checklist

Harden the Home

☐ 1. Clean Roofs, Gutters & Under Decks

Remove all winter debris that could ignite from embers.

☐ 2. Harden Your Home Against Embers

Install ember-resistant vents, seal gaps, 6-inch non-combustible flashing and *if you can*: upgrade to double-pane tempered windows, enclose eaves, non-combustible siding and Class A roof.

☐ 3. Reset Zone 0 (0–5 Feet)

Remove all combustible materials within 5 feet of your home and all structures on your property.

☐ 4. Reduce Fence-to-Home Fire Bridges

Replace or separate combustible fencing or gates where it connects to structures.

Reduce the Fuel

☐ 5. Refresh Zone 1 (0–100 Feet)

Limb up trees, reduce ladder fuels, and create spacing between vegetation.

☐ 6. Check Propane Tank Clearance

Maintain required defensible space around tanks and remove vegetation.

☐ 7. Dispose of Green Waste Promptly

Chip, haul, or properly burn when permitted. Do not let piles cure into summer fuel.

Protect the Access

☐ 8. Clear 30 Feet From Sides of Roads & Driveways

Thin vegetation along road edges and access routes to reduce fuel and improve evacuation safety.

☐ 9. Clear + Sign Water Access Points

Remove vegetation around hydrants, draft sites, tanks, and pumps. Make them visible and accessible.

☐ 10. Mark & Maintain Evacuation Route Turnarounds

Ensure turnaround areas are clear and usable for engines and residents.

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TOP 5 - FIREWISE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CHECKLIST

☐ 1. Promote Coalition Workshops & Events

Get your neighbors to attend Coalition trainings. Fill seats. Build capacity.

☐ 2. Host at Least One Spring Work Party

Visible action builds credibility fast.

☐ 3. Recruit Two New Core Leaders

Bench strength prevents burnout and bottlenecks.

☐ 4. Run a Spring Engagement Event

BBQ Kit, pathway workshop, assessment walk. Keep the pipeline alive.

☐ 5. Establish Temporary Refuge Areas

Identify and maintain low-fuel open areas along evacuation routes as last-resort safety zones.