

Winter Checklist: Mark your progress



- Are any tree limbs overhanging or touching your home's roof, deck, porches, or outbuildings? Prune them back at least 10 feet from these structures.
- Have branches on mature trees lengthened so they droop closer to the ground or other plants? Prune limbs on mature trees so that branches are at least 10 feet above the ground.
- Have tree branches grown out over the top of your driveway? For safe access and egress, always maintain at least 13.5 feet of vertical clearance across the entire width of your driveway.
- Are ladder fuels encroaching on the driveway from the sides? Remove small trees, lower limbs of larger trees and brush to maintain at least 10 feet of horizontal clearance from the edge of the driveway.
- Is your address sign visible? Clear away any vegetation to make your reflective sign clearly visible from all directions both day and night, winter or summer.
- Regularly maintain the 100+ feet away from your home known as defensible space. Has previously cut brush grown back into your defensible space? Time to cut it back.
- Have trees or shrubs grown near phone lines, power lines or electric fences? Check and prune them back annually. Be safe —call your utility company first!
- Maintain separation between trees and shrubs in your defensible space zone, and remove smaller trees and shrubs growing underneath larger trees.

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- Have leaves or pine needles accumulated on your roof, in gutters, on windows on or under decks, or on the ground right next to your home? Time to get out the ladder, leaf blower, or rake.
- Have you moved firewood piles left over from winter at least 30 feet from your home. If not, cover them.
- Replace flammable groundcover near your home with fire-resistant landscaping.
- Keep grasses and weeds at least 30 feet away from the home mowed to 4 inches or less.
- Have weeds or grass grown up around electrical fences? Clear all flammable material away from the fence to prevent a ground fire from igniting.
- Is your line tester functioning on your electric fence? Help avoid a grass fire by inspecting the tester and all fence connections often for shorts in the line.
- Are flammable household items such as patio furniture pads, door mats, and mops sitting out on your deck or elsewhere near the home? Cover or move these items inside when your home is unattended or if a wildfire is near.
- Will you be prepared if a fire comes? Make sure you have a family emergency preparedness plan and emergency evacuation kit. Discuss home evacuation plans and routes with all family members. Include pets and livestock in the plan. Practice the plan with all family members.