



Fire-Smart Yard Checklist

Maintaining a fire smart yard will protect your home. Follow this weekly checklist to keep your home safe. Zone 0 is the first 5 ft next to your house and is critical to protecting your home.

If you contract someone to care for your yard, review this checklist with them. And remember – the key to fire safety is ***maintenance, maintenance, maintenance!***

Zone 0

- Gutters
- Rooftops
- Beneath bushes
- Under decks and staircases
- Behind garage and sheds

Clear Zone 0

- Remove combustible items within the first 5 feet around the house
- Remove hazardous plants like juniper, Italian cypress, and bamboo
- Use non-combustible mulch, like gravel, stones or pavers
- Remove leaves, debris, and dead vegetation

Plants and Trees

- Remove the lowest branches of the trees to at least 6 ft
- Keep bushes and plants low beneath trees
- Remove dead branches and plants
- Trim branches 10 ft from the roof
- Trim bushes a couple feet from the ground
- Thin out bushes and plantings to allow space between plants
- Weed and clean beds regularly