



# Wildfire Safety Tips For Renters!

## Clean Your Roof & Gutters

Due to its large size, the roof is the most vulnerable and exposed part of your home during a wildfire. Air-borne burning embers from wildfires great distances away can land and ignite anything flammable on your roof or in gutters. Keep flammable debris such as needles and leaf litter cleaned from your roof and gutters during fire season, and the wet winter months.



## Keep Grass Mowed Around Your Home

Dry grass is an extremely flammable flashy fuel that ignites quickly, burns hot, and spreads rapidly. Keep all grasses around your home mowed to no more than 4 inches high during fire season.



## Keep Firewood Away From your Home

During the hot summer months, firewood becomes very dry and is easily ignited by burning embers. If you use firewood to heat your home during the winter months, never store piles next to your home during fire season. Keep any firewood piles stacked at least 30 feet away from your home and covered when possible to protect it and your home from burning embers.



## Have Visible Address Signs

Make sure your address signs are highly visible to emergency responders both day and night. In the event of any emergency, response time, particularly in rural areas, will be much greater if your home is hard to find.







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## Never Store Anything Flammable Near Your Home

Flammable items such as leaf litter, fuel cans, lumber piles, and even patio furniture can be highly susceptible to burning embers and flames from a wildfire. These items can ignite and spread the fire to your home. During fire season, never store flammable items such as these next to your home and keep patio furniture covered. Many cushions used on patio furniture are highly flammable.



## Clean Areas Around Fuel Tanks

If you use propane or fuel oil to heat your home during the winter, keep the grass mowed and debris cleaned up around the fuel tanks during fire season. For added safety, fuel tanks should be 20 to 30 feet from your home.



## Keep Areas Above & Below Decks Clear of Flammable Materials

Needles, leaf litter, lumber piles, and vegetation can be easily ignited by the burning embers of a wildfire. During fire season, always keep the top of your deck clear of flammable debris and never store flammable items such as lumber underneath it. Also, keep vegetation and debris including needles and leaf litter from accumulating underneath your deck. Blocking the area under your deck with lattice or metal screen can prevent debris from blowing under your deck. Remember, if flammable debris can blow underneath your deck, so can burning embers during a wildfire.



## Additional Safety Tips

The best protection any home can have from wildfire is prevention. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home is the best prevention tool available to homeowners and renters. Defensible space includes fuel breaks where vegetation is pruned, surface fuels are reduced, and driveway accesses are kept clear. Work with your landlord and check with them prior to cutting any vegetation. For more information on creating fuel breaks around your home, contact your local fire protection district or the Oregon Department of Forestry at 541-474-3152 in Grants Pass, 541-664-3328 in Medford, or visit the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative website at [www.rvfpc.com](http://www.rvfpc.com).