



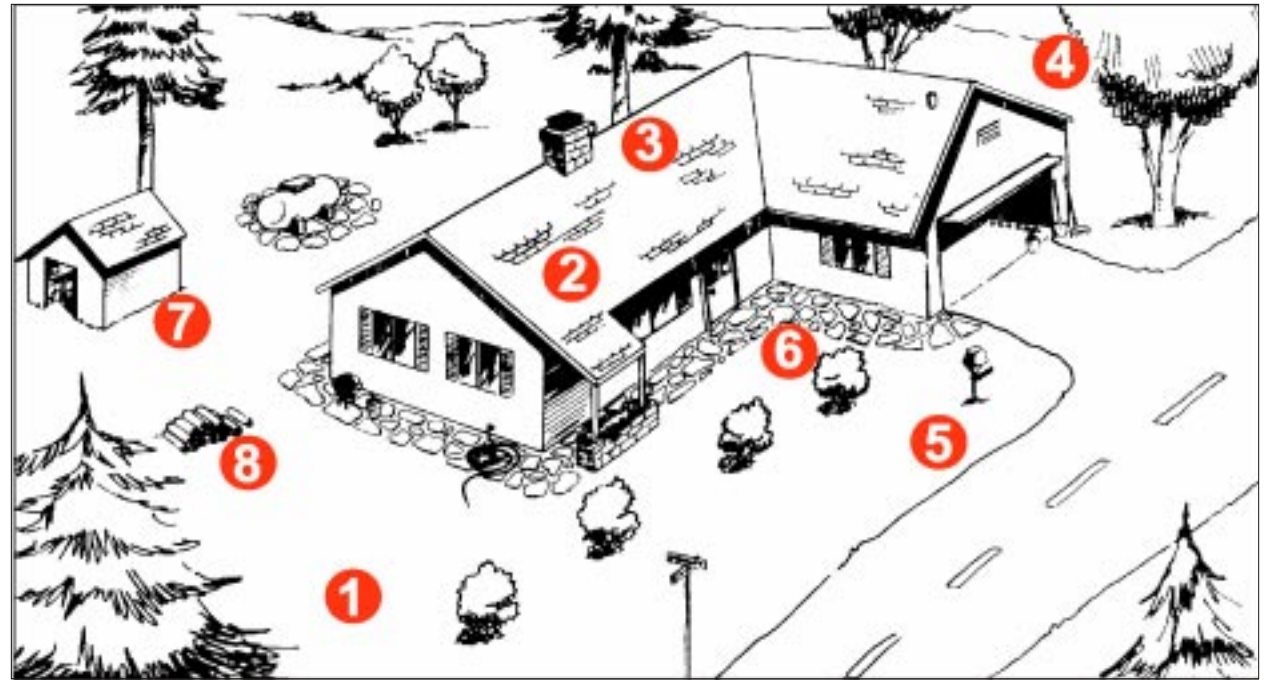
Checklist for Homeowners

Beware and prepare to reduce the threat of wildfire to your home. This checklist will help you identify ways to reduce home and property wildfire hazards and to prepare your family and neighbors for the event of wildfire.

For further information, contact your local fire department or your local Division of Forestry district office.

New Home Construction

- Build home on the most level portion of the lot. (1)
- Use fire resistant materials on roofs and exterior siding. (2)
- Avoid combustible roofing material.
- Screen eaves, attic and floor openings to prevent embers from entering.
- Screen the chimney and stove pipe. (3)



Existing Home Construction

- Remove site preparation debris.
- Reduce surrounding wildland fuels, such as rotting logs, branches, brush and other flammable materials.
- Do an exterior home inspection at least twice a year.
- Remove overhanging tree limbs, moss and needles from the roof and gutters. (4)
- Maintain a defensible space around the house. A large, green lawn is ideal. (5)
- Remove highly flammable plants from around the house, especially on the side most exposed to prevailing winds, and on the downhill slope. (6)
- Clean chimneys and stove pipes; check their screens. Keep storage areas clean and tidy. Never allow rags or newspapers to accumulate. Store flammable liquids in approved containers. (7)
- Stack firewood away from the house. (8)