

Wildfire creates airborne sparks that spread fire fast

# BE **EMBER** SMART

## SMART THINGS YOU CAN DO

The most dangerous fuel elements are burning **embers** or **fire brands** that fall like snow and are unpredictable. Embers can travel miles from a wildfire, landing on roofs, in brush, on your deck...where it can smolder for hours before re-igniting. Here are some simple tips to lessen ember hazards:

### **DECKS & PORCHES**

Trim landscape away from decks, porches and overhangs. Clean out spaces underneath and trim back branches from overhead. Remove combustibles like leaves, doormats and furniture pads.

### **HEAT TRAPS**

Remove plant debris, woodpiles, fuel & gas powered tools plus other easily ignited materials from under porches, decks and structures.

**ROOF** Clean pine needles, leaves, branches and other debris from your roof. Clear gutters and from around vent pipes or chimney

**LANDSCAPE** Remove dried grass, dead leaves and branches from flowerbeds. Clear away build up under shrubs and trees.

### **NO BURN BORDERS**

Keep immediate space between siding/foundation and landscape clear of *anything that can burn*, like landscape bark, wood chips and plant debris to prevent ignition.



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# MORE **EMBER** SMART TIPS

## FIREWOOD



Move firewood and lumber piles AWAY from your home and structures during fire season.

*If wood cannot be moved to a safe location, consider covering with ember resistant materials like heavy canvas tarps or metal roofing*

## PROPANE TANKS



**Large** - Remove dead grass, debris and anything flammable from under and around the tank.

Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from sides and above tank.

**Small** - TURN OFF and disconnect. Place tank away from home where it can be easily seen.



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