

FireSmart Safety and Wildfires: Reduce Your Risk

FireSmart Canada and its partners are committed to safety from wildfire and want to ensure your personal and home safety.

With warmer weather and drying winds, our properties can be at risk to wildfires. Burning debris can be thrown up to two kilometers ahead of a wildfire. Sparks and embers can ignite materials on or near your home causing severe damage.

FireSmart and the County of St. Paul Fire Departments are raising awareness about maintenance that can be done around your home and yard to help reduce the risk of a wildfire.



What you can do to reduce your risk from wildfires:

- ⇒ Download the 'FireSmart Begins at Home' app from www.firesmartcanada.ca and take a structure ignition-zone assessment.
- ⇒ Rake and remove dry pine needles and leaves that are within a minimum of 1.5 metres of a home's foundation. As time permits, continue up to a 10-metre distance around the home. Dispose of collected debris in appropriate trash receptacle
- ⇒ Clean pine needles from roof and gutters.
- ⇒ Measure how close wood piles are to your home. If they are closer than 10 metres, relocate and move the pile at least 10 metres from any structure.
- ⇒ Sweep porches and decks to clear them of leaves and pine needles. Rake under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- ⇒ A mowed lawn is a fire resistant lawn. Mow grass to a height of 10 centimetres or less.
- ⇒ Remove items stored under decks and porches. Relocate them to a storage shed, garage, or basement. Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.

For more tips, download the **Home Owners Manual** with information about how to safeguard your home
www.firesmartcanada.ca



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