



BFFR FIREWISE Homeowner Assessment

Directions: Identify and score each condition that applies to your home.

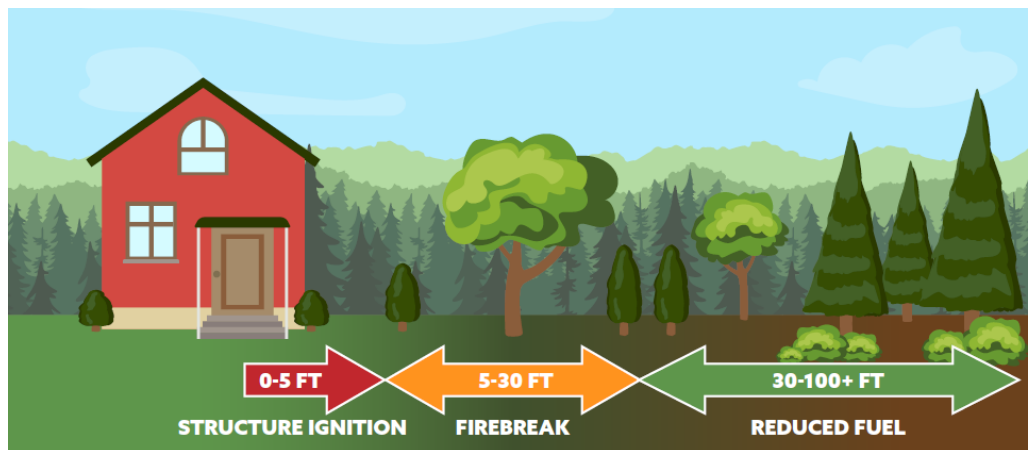
POINTS SCORE

ENTRANCE		
1. A. Mailbox or residence is clearly marked with 4" reflective letters.	0	
B. Address is not clearly marked.	10	
2. A. Driveway is at least 12' wide with 15' of vertical clearance to allow access for emergency vehicles. Brush and limbs are pruned and cleared. If there is a gate, it is 30' from the road, 2' wider than the drive, opens inward and has a key box if locked.	0	
B. Driveway is less than 12' wide, is cleared of brush but has limited access for emergency vehicles.	5	
C. Driveway is inaccessible to emergency vehicles.	10	
HOME		
3. A. Siding is non-combustible, such as fiber cement, stucco, brick, stucco, or aluminum.	0	
B. Siding is treated wood OR a log structure chinked with fire-retardant material.	5	
C. Siding is vinyl.	10	
D. Siding is untreated wood/cedar shakes OR log chinking.	15	
4. A. Roof is rated Class A noncombustible material (fiberglass/asphalt shingles, steel, tin, clay or concrete tile).	0	
B. Roof shape is complex, having ridges, valleys or segments that intersect with vertical walls.	5	
C. Roof has non-rated /combustible shingles. Usually found on 20+ year roofs.	10	
D. Roof has untreated cedar shake shingles.	15	
5. A. Chimney has a spark arrestor with 1/2" mesh and is capped.	0	
B. Chimney does not have a spark arrestor with 1/2" mesh.	5	
C. Chimney is not capped.	5	
6. A. Eaves are boxed.	0	
B. Eaves are open, rafters exposed on the underside of the roof overhang.	5	
7. A. Gutters are clean and free of debris.	0	
B. Gutters are not clean, filled with debris such as leaves and pine needles.	5	
8. A. Windows are double-pane, tempered glass.	0	
B. Windows are single-pane.	5	
9. A. Attic vents are covered with 1/8" metal mesh screen.	0	
B. Attic vents are not covered, or are covered with a larger metal mesh.	5	
10. A. Decks/Porches treated with an exterior fire retardant and screened underneath with 1/8" screened metal mesh.	0	
B. Decks/Porches not treated with fire retardant.	5	
C. Decks/Porches unscreened underneath.	10	
11. A. Fencing or trellis is constructed of non-combustible material such as metal or masonry.	0	
B. Fencing or trellis is constructed of wood but not in direct contact with the home.	5	
C. Wood fence or trellis is constructed of wood and is in direct contact with the home.	10	
LANDSCAPING		
12. A. Shrubs and other landscaping more than 5' from the home and are considered to be fire-resistant.	0	
B. Shrubs and other landscaping are within 5' of the home.	5	

13. A.	Mulch is not placed around the foundation or, if there is mulch, it is non-combustible materials like gravel or rock.	0	
B.	Mulch placed around the foundation is combustible materials like shredded bark, rubber-based materials wood, or other flammable materials.	5	
14. A.	Overhanging limbs have been trimmed at least 10' from/ above the home.	0	
B.	Limbs are overhanging the roof.	5	
C.	Ladder fuels are present on landscape trees: live or dead plants, shrubs, vines, etc. that create a bridge from the ground to the tree crown.	10	
PERIMETER			
15. A.	Home is surrounded by 100' or more of defensible space.	0	
B.	Home has 30'- 100' of defensible space.	5	
C.	Home has less than 30' of defensible space.	10	
16. A.	Firewood/LP gas tanks least 30' from the home and cleared of overgrown brush or other debris to at least 15' of tank.	0	
B.	Firewood is stacked on porch or against home. LP tank (if applicable) is less than 30' from the home.	10	
C.	LP tank is obstructed with overgrown brush.	5	
TOTAL			

HOME HAZARD RATING:

What you do around your property will help your home stand against wildfire and give firefighters a chance to battle the blaze.



0 – 25 Low Risk Hazard

The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are **GOOD**. Keep maintaining your property to stay low risk.

26 – 50 Medium Risk Hazard

The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are **FAIR**. Reduce your risk to LOW with minor improvements.

51 -100 High Risk Hazard

Chances of your home surviving a wildfire are **NOT GOOD**. Many improvements are necessary to improve your home’s survivability.

>100 Extreme Risk Hazard

Your home **MAY NOT SURVIVE** if a wildfire passes through your property. Take a serious look around your home and schedule improvements.

For More information or to schedule a Firewise inspection please contact us at firemarshal@bffire.org