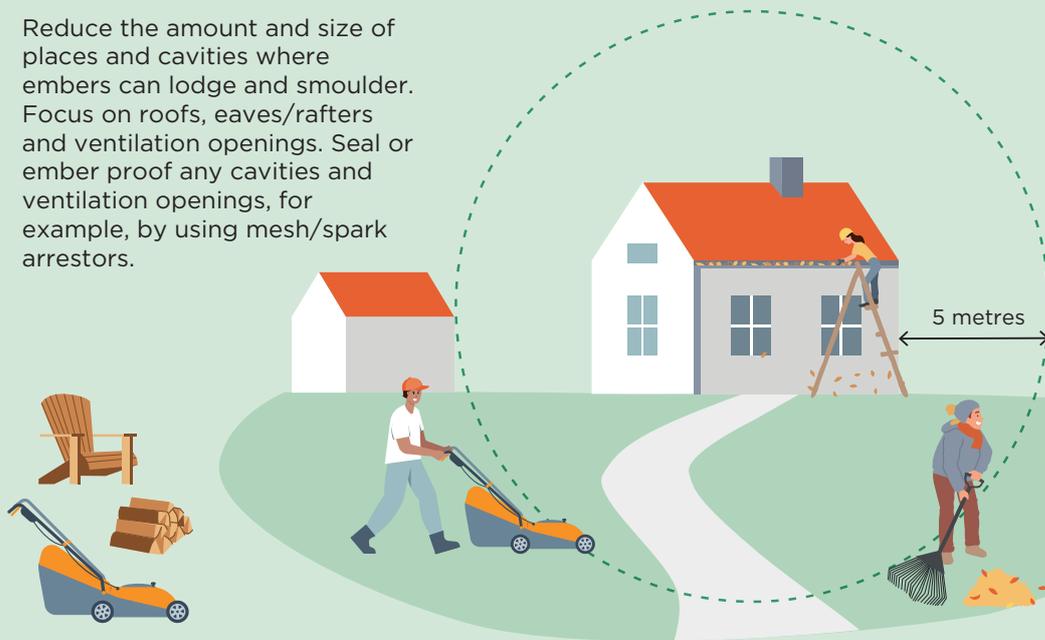


# Measures you can take to protect your house against wildfire

Applies to structures situated in wildland-urban-interface (WUI) areas

Reduce the amount and size of places and cavities where embers can lodge and smoulder. Focus on roofs, eaves/rafters and ventilation openings. Seal or ember proof any cavities and ventilation openings, for example, by using mesh/spark arrestors.



Have a "fire safe zone" of about 5 metres around your house to protect from wildfires. Plant deciduous trees instead of conifers, avoid juniper and large ornamental plants such as thuja and cypress near the house.



Remove debris, such as pine needles, leaves, and mulch from the building and immediate vicinity (including decks, gutters, and roofs). Slopes increases the fire hazard.

Safe storage: Store materials and items (such as lawnmowers, firewood, furniture, toys, etc) away from structures.

Keep the lawn or vegetation surrounding the structure short and alive.

Clear the dead grass around the house in Autumn before the snow arrives. This significantly reduces the severity of a spring fire.



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