



HOME PARTNERS PROGRAM

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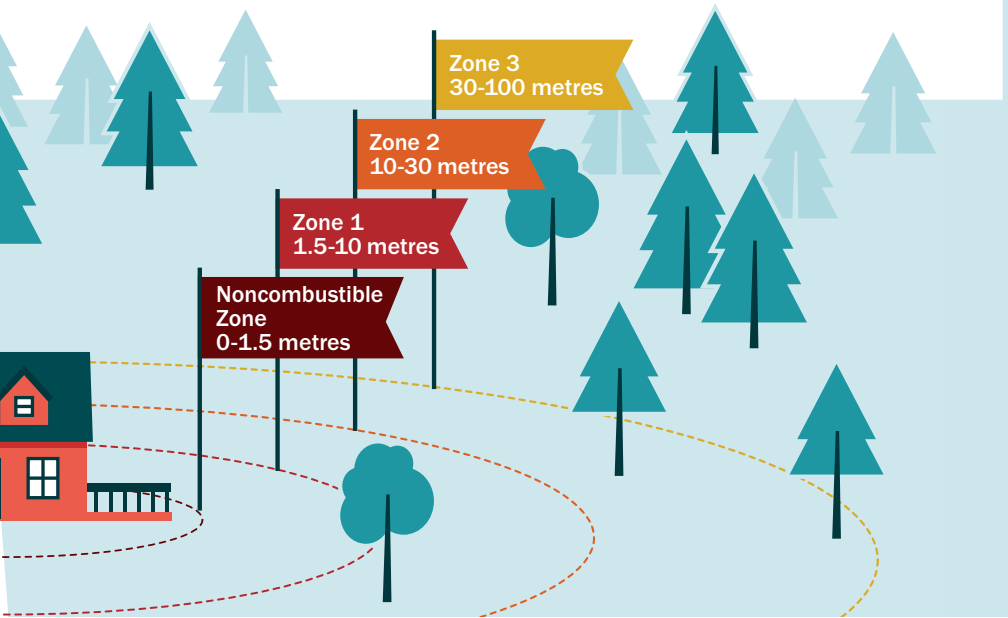
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About the FireSmart Home Partners Program

The FireSmart Home Partners Program is a collaboration between FireSmart Canada, provincial governments, local governments, Indigenous communities, the private sector and homeowners in Canada. The program's primary purpose is to engage homeowners in voluntary wildfire mitigation activities by offering a professional home assessment with property-specific recommendations. The assessment process accurately evaluates a home and property for wildfire exposure, while engaging the homeowner in their unique risk and ways to reduce it.



FIRESMART HOME PARTNERS

FireSmart Home Partners is a voluntary property assessment program that helps residents identify specific actions they can take on their property to reduce wildfire risks.

FireSmart Home Partners Property Assessments provide residents:

- An in-depth, on-site assessment conducted by experienced fire professionals;
- An opportunity for property owners to identify mitigation actions unique to their property;
- A detailed follow up report with customized mitigation actions designed to measurably reduce the wildfire risk to your property;
- An opportunity to earn FireSmart Home Partners certificate

acknowledging your mitigation achievements. The certificate is given upon successful completion of required mitigation actions and an on-site follow up inspection.

- This type of recognition can be used to enhance real estate transactions by reassuring prospective buyers that the appropriate level of wildfire risk reduction has been achieved on the property.
- The mitigation certificate can also be shared with local insurance providers to showcase mitigation activities and potentially increase a homeowner's ability to maintain insurance coverage. FireSmart Canada does not share the assessment or any details of the assessment with the insurance industry.

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Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN ASSESSMENT?

Visit [FireSmartBC.ca/homepartners](https://www.fire-smartbc.ca/homepartners) and complete the online application form to schedule your assessment. A FireSmart Home Partners WMS will follow up with you to confirm your appointment.

You can also contact FireSmart BC directly with specific questions on the FireSmart Home Partners Program via email at – homepartners@firesmartbc.ca

HOW LONG SHOULD I EXPECT AN ASSESSMENT TO TAKE?

A FireSmart Home Partners WMS will visit your property to complete a comprehensive assessment of your home and property. The assessment will take between one and three hours to complete, depending on the size and complexity of your property. We ask that you are present and participating in the assessment.

WHAT WILL THE FIRESMART HOME PARTNERS WMS BE LOOKING FOR?

During the initial assessment, a FireSmart Home Partners WMS will walk the property and collect data to create a report on what mitigation work needs to be completed.

The WMS will complete a detailed assessment of the building materials used, home design and the condition of each component of your home. The assessment will be interactive and the WMS will explain everything as they complete the assessment.

The WMS may recommend mitigation that involves tree removal and possibly roof/siding or other modifications. The WMS will also be working with you to mark trees for removal on your property.

Following the assessment of your home, the WMS will work their way out through each of the FireSmart priority zones to assess landscaping, vegetation and combustible storage.

Once your assessment is complete, a report will be generated consisting of all of the mitigation work and provide a FireSmart work plan for your home and property. This will be sent to you, along with resources to assist in completing any home retrofit work or forestry contracting.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

FireSmart BC has many resources available to help reduce the risk of wildfire to your home and neighbourhood. Visit [www.FireSmartBC.ca/homepartners](https://www.fire-smartbc.ca/homepartners)

Preparing for your FireSmart Home Partners visit



Starting your FireSmart journey to risk reduction

These are some helpful tips to get you started! Your FireSmart Home Partners Program Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will provide a work plan with recommendations for your home and property.



Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.



Mow grass and weeds within 10 metres of the house to 10 centimetres in length, or less.



Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 metres of your home. Maintain a 1.5 metre noncombustible zone around your home and deck by sweeping or raking down to mineral soil, rock or concrete.



Move combustible items such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood, and potted plants, that are on or under your deck and within 10 metres of your home. Move all combustible items into your home or garage and find permanent storage.



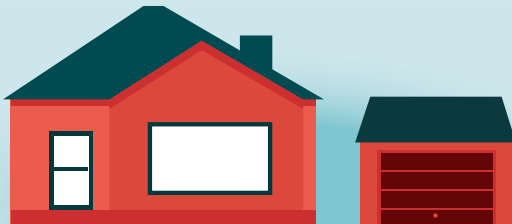
If you have a propane tank located on your property:

- Propane tanks should be moved to 10 metres away from structures.
- Remove weeds and other debris from area around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near tank.



If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home:

- Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.



Noncombustible zone (0-1.5 metres)





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