# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



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### Being Scherfrom Wildfires Can Help With Your Insurance





# Protectyour homeorbusines

- Class A fire-rated roof
- 5-foot ember-resistant zone around the structure
- Noncombustible 6 inches at the bottom of walls
- Ember- and fire-resistant vents
- Double pane windows or added shutters
- Enclosed eaves

# Protect the Immediate

#### Cleared vegetation and debris from under decks

- Move sheds and outbuildings at least 30 feet away
- Trim trees and remove brush in compliance with state and local defensible space laws

**Protect the** 

- Neighborhoods can form a Firewise USA community
- Cities, counties, and local districts can become certified as a Fire Risk Reduction Community

## **Transparency on Risk Scores**

- Provides consumers with transparency about their wildfire risk score that insurance companies assign to properties
- Give consumers the right to appeal their risk determination



## Homeowners' Associations and CA FAIR Plan

- Regulation includes both residential and commercial insurance lines
- Property and buildings within an HOA will need to be recognized for the mandatory property-level mitigation factors in order to qualify for a discount
- HOAs may also qualify for other optional wildfire mitigation effort discounts
- CA FAIR Plan





- Greater community resilience
- Reduced losses from wildfires
- More insurance coverage for mitigated properties



# **Online Tools**

- Top Ten Tips for Finding Residential Insurance
- Home Insurance Finder Tool
- File a Complaint
- Consumer Hotline: 1-800-927-4357
  or website at
  <u>www.insurance.ca.gov</u>





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