

POSSIBLE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

Low-Cost



Remove all vegetation and groundcover within the first 5 ft.

Removing fuel sources within the first 5 ft of your building's exterior walls can decrease risk of ignition and flames spreading to your building. **1**



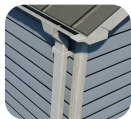
Choose fire-resistant landscaping

Selecting fire-resistant plants, adding firebreaks, and creating space between vegetation can minimize the spread of fire on your property. **2**



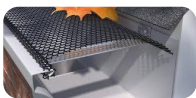
Install ember resistant vents

Covering vents with at least 1/8 inch metal mesh can help prevent embers from entering and igniting a structure. **3**



Incorporate non-combustible gutters and downspouts

Replace plastic gutters and downspouts with fire-resistant materials such as steel, copper, or aluminum to reduce potential fire damage. **4**



Cover gutters

Placing covers over your gutters can reduce the accumulation of leaves and debris to reduce the risk of spreading embers in the event of a fire. This also makes clearing and maintaining these areas easier. **5**

Mid-Cost



Create 6 inches of vertical clearance between the ground and structure siding

Having non-combustible materials such as brick, stone, or fiber-cement 6 vertical inches from the ground can help prevent embers from igniting exterior walls. **6**



Install non-combustible fencing

Updating wooden fences or gates with fire-resistant materials such as metal or masonry can protect your property from spreading fire as well as reduce the risk of fire damage. **7**



Incorporate non-combustible exterior doors

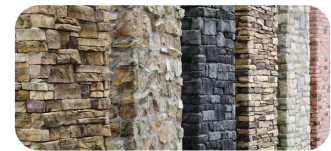
Replacing exterior doors with non-combustible materials such as metal or fiberglass can help prevent fire from spreading to the interior of the building. **8**

High-Cost



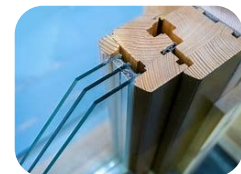
Install fire-resistant roofing material

Using Class A fire-resistant roofing materials such as asphalt shingles, clay tiles, or metal roofing can help protect your building from fire damage. **9**



Use non-combustible materials for exterior walls

Using non-combustible materials around the exterior of your building such as fiber-cement, stucco, stone, or brick can reduce the risk of ember ignition and fire damage. **10**



Install dual or multi-pane windows

Installing fire-resistant windows such as dual or multi-pane tempered glass can prevent fire from spreading into the interior of the building. **11**



Install exterior sprinkler systems

Adding exterior sprinkler systems programed to keep your property wet in the event of a wildfire can reduce potential fire damage. **12**

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