



# Reduce your risk from wildfires.

Download the **FireSmart™ Begins at Home app**



## Have more questions about wildfire risks?

FireSmart™ Canada is here to help.

### What can I do to reduce the risk of wildfires to my home and my community?

With the *FireSmart Begins at Home* app, you can assess the unique risks to your property – and discover simple steps you can take to safeguard your home. The risk can't be eliminated entirely, but there is a lot that homeowners can do to help protect their homes, cottages, and cabins. The best part? Every action you take helps keep your neighbours safer too.

### How do I get started?

Download the *FireSmart Begins at Home* app from the App or Google Play Store and follow the steps to get started on your property assessment. It's quick, easy and it's free.

### What can I expect?

The *FireSmart Begins at Home* app will walk you through key areas around your home and property and recommend a series of simple actions you can take to reduce your wildfire risk. You will learn about the Home Ignition Zone (the critical area 30 m around your house) and discover how simple steps – like cleaning your gutters and roofs, storing firewood and lumber 10-30 m from structures, and clearing leaves and debris from decks and balconies – can make a big difference.

### Does FireSmart really work?

It sure does! The FireSmart program is grounded in scientific research. Did you know? Embers cause up to 90% of home and business ignitions during wildfire events (*Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, 2019*). While we can't eliminate the risk of wildfires, we can significantly improve the resiliency of our homes by removing the most common sources of ignition. By taking FireSmart actions at home, you can improve the chances that your home will survive a wildfire – and improve your community's chances of survival, too.

### When is a good time to FireSmart my home?

Start today! Wildfire season starts earlier and finishes later than ever before in most parts of Canada. You can take simple steps to reduce your risk to wildfires at any time of the year, but FireSmarting your home works best when it is done before fire season starts. And regular checks will help keep your home FireSmart year after year. Don't wait until fire season. Start now.

### Why should I do this?

You can all do your part to reduce the risk of wildfires to your home and community. By downloading the *FireSmart Begins at Home* app and taking simple steps to FireSmart your home and property, you are helping to protect what matters most – your family, neighbour, and the community you call home.

### How can I learn more – and do more to help?

Visit [FireSmartCanada.ca](http://FireSmartCanada.ca) for more practical tools and resources. Share the *FireSmart Begins at Home* app with your neighbours. And find out how your neighbourhood can participate in Wildfire Community Preparedness Day or the Neighbourhood Recognition Program. Everything you do can help reduce the risk of wildfires and keep your community safe.

It's simple.  
**Start today.**

