



READY, SET, GO!  
**IMMEDIATE  
ZONE**



The main objective of the Immediate Zone, or 0 to 5 feet zone, is to reduce the potential that embers landing near a building will ignite fuels and expose the area around a home to a direct flame.



The Immediate Zone is the most important zone to reduce home ignition from flying embers. Install hard surfaces, reduce vegetation, and eliminate combustible mulch.



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Changes made to the Immediate Zone can make a big impact in reducing structure loss during a wildfire

- Use hardscape like gravel, pavers, concrete and other noncombustible material. No combustible bark or mulch
- Remove all dead and dying weeds, grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches and vegetative debris (leaves, needles, cones, bark, etc.); Check your roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.
- Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet
- Limit plants in this area to low growing (below 2 feet), nonwoody, properly watered and maintained plants
- Limit combustible items (outdoor furniture, storage, planters, etc.) on top of decks
- Relocate firewood and lumber 30 feet away from buildings
- Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives
- Consider relocating garbage and recycling containers outside this zone
- Consider relocating boats, RVs, vehicles and other combustible items outside this zone



For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a Wildfire Home Assessment.