

Fire harden your home today

California's wildfire season with Santa Anas is in full swing, again. **Fire hardening** your home reduces the chance of ignition from direct flames, radiant heat and stray embers from a neighboring wildland fire.

Use this list to survey your home for ember- and fire-resistant upgrades.



WINDOWS can break from heat exposure before the home is aflame

- Install or upgrade to multi-pane tempered glass
- Remove all vegetation or other combustible materials within 5 feet of windows and glass doors



GARAGES are especially vulnerable as ember and ash can enter as easily as dust

- Install weather stripping or gaskets under and around the garage door
- Learn how to operate your garage door when you are without power



ROOFS bear the greatest exposure risk to fire embers

- Replace your roof with Class-A fire-rated materials such as tile, metal, asphalt or shingles
- Plug gaps between the roof covering and sheathing to prevent embers from entering

It's never too late to design a fire-hardening plan.

Contact me to discuss more ways to protect your property and its resale value.