Top 10 Ways to Protect Your Home from Wildfire

1. Maintain Defensible Space (0-5 FT)
   - Use noncombustible materials, such as gravel, brick, or concrete, in this critical area adjacent to your home.

2. Reduce Siding Risks
   - Maintain 6-inch ground-to-siding clearance, and consider noncombustible siding.

3. Clear Debris from Roof
   - Regularly remove debris from roof, since it can be ignited by wind-blown embers.

4. Use a Class A Roof Covering
   - Class A fire-rated roofing products offer the best protection for homes.

5. Clean Out Gutter Regularly
   - Keep debris out of gutters, which can be ignited by wind-blown embers. If used, gutter covers should be noncombustible.

6. Reduce Fence Risks
   - Burning fencing can generate embers, and cause direct flame contact to your home. Use noncombustible fences and gates.

7. Keep Embers out of Eaves and Vents
   - Use 1/8" mesh to cover vents, and "box in" open-eaves to create a soffit edge.

8. Protect Windows
   - Use multi-pane, tempered glass windows, and close them when a wildfire threatens.

9. Reduce Deck Risks
   - At a minimum, use deck boards that comply with California requirements for new construction in wildfire-prone areas, remove combustibles under deck, and maintain effective defensible space.

10. Maintain Defensible Space (5-30 FT)
    - Remove shrubs under trees, prune branches that overhang your roof, thin trees, and remove dead vegetation. Move trailers/RVs and storage sheds from area, or build defensible space around these items.

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