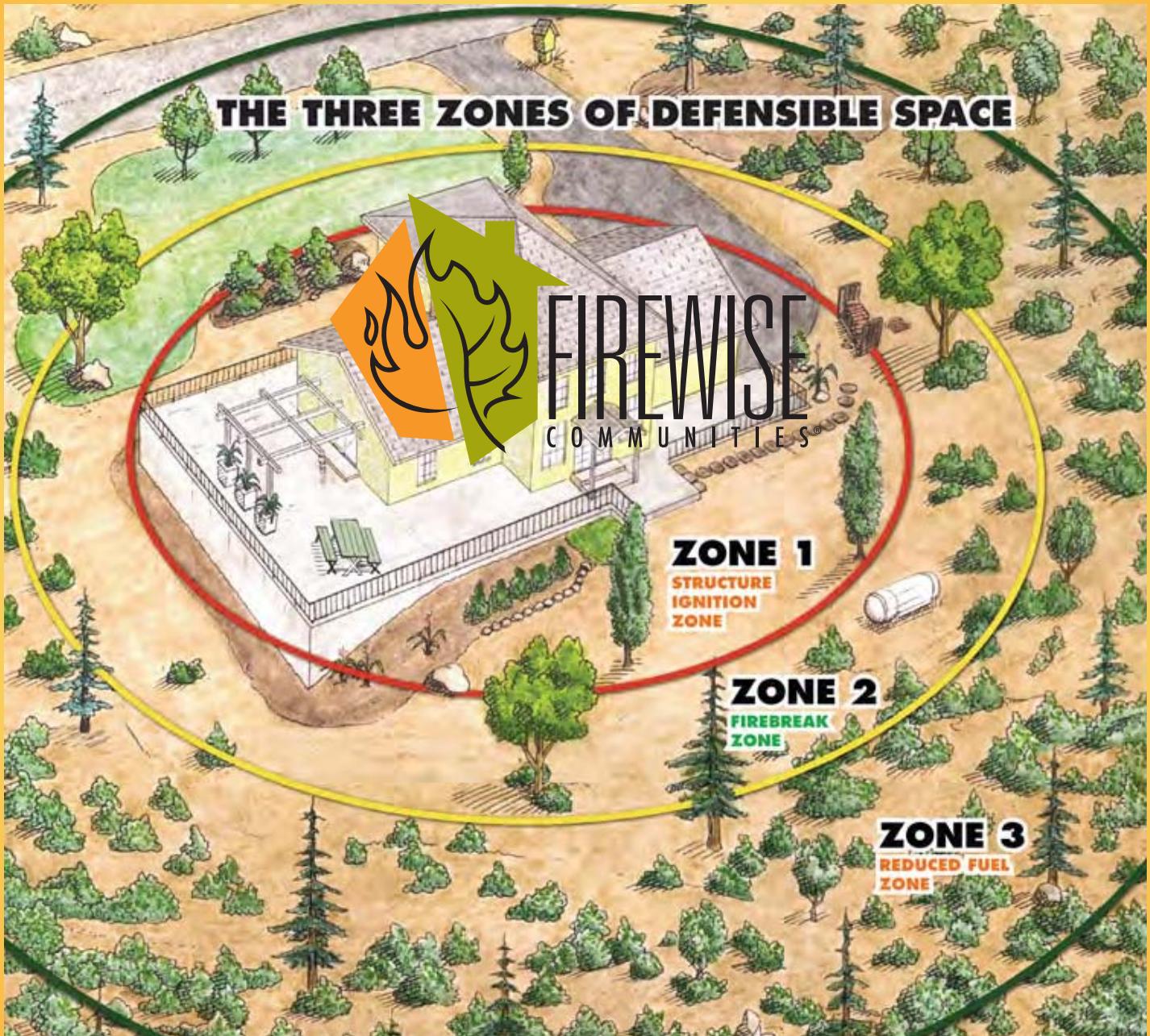


# FALL IS COMING

with the change in weather now is a great time to

## Harden Your Home Against Wildfire

before Summer returns



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# How to Harden Your Home

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Focus on hardening your home and immediate area around your home, Zone 1 of the Home Ignition Zone shown on the reverse. Start by going to the web page above to assess your situation and to learn much more. Always provide defensible space.

## Defensible Space Alone is Not Enough

Defensible space is desirable and required by law. Defensible space protects firefighters and reduces direct flame impingement on your home. You must prepare your home and structures to be able to withstand wildfire even without firefighters present.

Below are actionable steps to harden your home against wildfire. Preparing your home to withstand the embers and flames of wildfire is second only to your evac plan and go kit. Hardening your home is easy. Let's get started!

- \* Routinely remove debris from your roof
- \* Routinely check gutters for debris & remove the debris
- \* Never stack firewood near your home
- \* Remove flammables from under decks
- \* Keep decks clear of flammables
- \* Move patio furniture & cushions away from your home
- \* Close all openings that may allow embers to enter your attic and home
- \* Replace older roofing, repair broken shingles, & replace vents with ember resistant vents
- \* Replace plastic gutters with metal gutters that can't burn
- \* Enclose and box in your eaves
- \* Replace vinyl window screens with metal screens
- \* Install noncombustible windows and frames
- \* Replace combustible siding with noncombustible siding
- \* Remove combustible materials from direct contact with your home
- \* Create 3 to 5 feet of non-combustible ground completely around your home & structures

## Remember, Go Early & Stay Safe!



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