STRENGTHEN CA HOMES GRANT PROGRAM

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High-impact wildfire safety actions to protect communities and improve insurability

- Ensure the roof is Class A fire-rated
- Clear the first 5-feet around your home of combustible material

Coming in 2026: Local fire departments and communities can apply for grants that will pay up to $12,000 to qualifying homeowners.

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Replacing your old roof with a Class A fire-rated roof

Roofs are one of the most vulnerable parts of a home during a wildfire. Replacing older or fire-prone roofing materials with Class A fire-rated materials can reduce the likelihood of ember-related ignition. Most roofs qualify as Class A, including asphalt shingles, concrete, brick, or masonry tiles, and metal shingles or sheets. Wood shake shingles are not Class A fire-resistant rated.







Clear the first 5-feet around your home of combustible material

The first five feet surrounding your home is the most critical defensive space. Creating a noncombustible area reduces the chance that wind-blown embers ignite materials next to your home and spread fire to the structure – or get in through unprotected vents. Replacing vents with 1/8” or 1/16” approved mesh and removing plastic sheds, firewood or wood chips are low-cost ways to protect your home. Shade trees are OK, as long as they are trimmed above the roofline or kept away from the eaves. Wood gates connected to the home act like a candle wick, bringing fire from a burning fence directly to your home. Replacing wood gates with metal can also reduce that risk.



Who can apply to Strengthen California Homes?

The first round of grants will be available to homeowners through their local governments. Fire departments, cities, counties, or special districts will receive funds directly. Homeowners will apply through their local governments.

Eligible homeowners must meet all the following:

- Insured by an admitted insurer or the California FAIR Plan
- Live in ZIP Codes overlapping high or very high fire hazard severity zones
- Meet low-income limits according to the county in which the applicant resides

Application guidelines will be posted on the Strengthen California Homes webpage as they become available, along with regular program updates and upcoming deadlines.

Ask your local leaders to apply for Strengthen CA Homes grants when they become available. Share this flyer or download it at insurance.ca.gov