

Fire Resilient Community Fact Sheet

Future disasters may be prevented by reducing opportunities for fire to move through the landscape and between buildings.

Working together as a community, recommendations start from your home and progress outward. Any changes made to the area closest to your home, and your home itself, have the greatest potential to reduce the risk of fire spreading and damage throughout the Village.

Key Recommendations

Landscaping	Buildings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a 5-foot (1.5m) “non-combustion” zone around all buildings (a surface of soil, rock, or stone, with no plants, debris, or combustible materials). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use fire-resistant materials, such as stucco, metal siding, brick/concrete, and fibre cement siding to finish the exterior of buildings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep fences and other wooden landscape features 5 feet (1.5m) away from buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize the distance between all buildings and structures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider xeriscape landscaping to reduce or eliminate the need for irrigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep sheds and other buildings away from windows.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant and irrigate low-growing, well-spaced, fire-resistant plants and shrubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install fire-resistant tempered glass windows where buildings are closer than 26 feet (8m) apart.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use non-flammable gravel mulch or crushed rock in landscaping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure doors are fire-rated and that they seal properly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep grass and weeds mowed to less than 4 inches (10cm) in height. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install metal screening/shutters on small windows.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include removal of dry leaves, twigs, and other dead materials in your spring and fall yard maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit ground-level openings where fine debris and embers can gather; sheath the base of decks and balconies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't use recycled rail ties in landscaping, especially near foundation walls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean gutters and remove any debris that gathers under decks and in corners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store flammable objects such as firewood away from buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the same FireSmart principles on sheds and outbuildings within 32-feet (10m) of your home.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more: FireSmart BC Landscaping Hub and FireSmart BC Fire-Resistant Plants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more: FireSmart BC Begins At Home Guide and Tips To FireSmart Your Home.

