

# 4 Tips each month for making your house defendable from **WILDFIRES**

When getting ready for the upcoming fire season here are some tips to be sure that your house has the best possible chance of surviving a wildfire. Its never to early to start and this guide will keep you and your property on task to help its survivability in the event of a wildfire.

## January

1. Make your home is properly marked with a visible address
2. Develop a home fire safety plan in the event of a wildfire
3. Make an emergency kit for evacuations
4. Sign up for Ready-Kern. [www.readykern.com](http://www.readykern.com)
5. Be sure to check out <http://www.kerncountyfire.org>, in the education tab to learn about defensible space.

## February

6. Plan your evacuation route out of the area in the event of an emergency
7. Harden your house by using fire resistant products & Cover all vents with metal screening to prevent embers from getting in the attic.
8. Limb all trees 6' from the ground.
9. Install spark arrestors around chimneys and vent pipes

## March

10. Clear all rain gutters of dead leaves and pine needles.
11. Clear all over hanging limbs from around chimneys
12. Remove all dead and down branches on the property.
13. Remove any excessive slash and brush piles on the property.

## April

14. Clear 10ft around all LPG and Propane tanks.
15. Clear all dead leaves and pine needles from roof tops.
16. Plant fire resistant and water wise plants around your home
17. If firewood is within 30ft of a structure be sure it is covered with a non-combustible housing.

## May

18. Make sure your water tank is accessible to emergency responders
19. Be sure to remove dead leaves and pine needles a minimum of 30ft. around structures.
20. cut all grass to 100' of your structure
21. Keep all vegetation around structures adequately watered.