

Make Your Home More Fire Resistant



Choose a noncombustible or ignition resistant material when you replace roofs, decks or fences in and around your home. Protect your home by maintaining effective defensible space under and around the structure.



▲ Decks

Shown above is a California Chapter 7A compliant decking product (left) and a non-compliant product (right). Both are wood-plastic composite decking products. All heart redwood 2" x 6" decking is also fire resistant.

▲ Under Decks

Avoid storing combustibles (paint, firewood, brooms) under the deck and remove combustible furniture and baskets from deck when fire approaches.

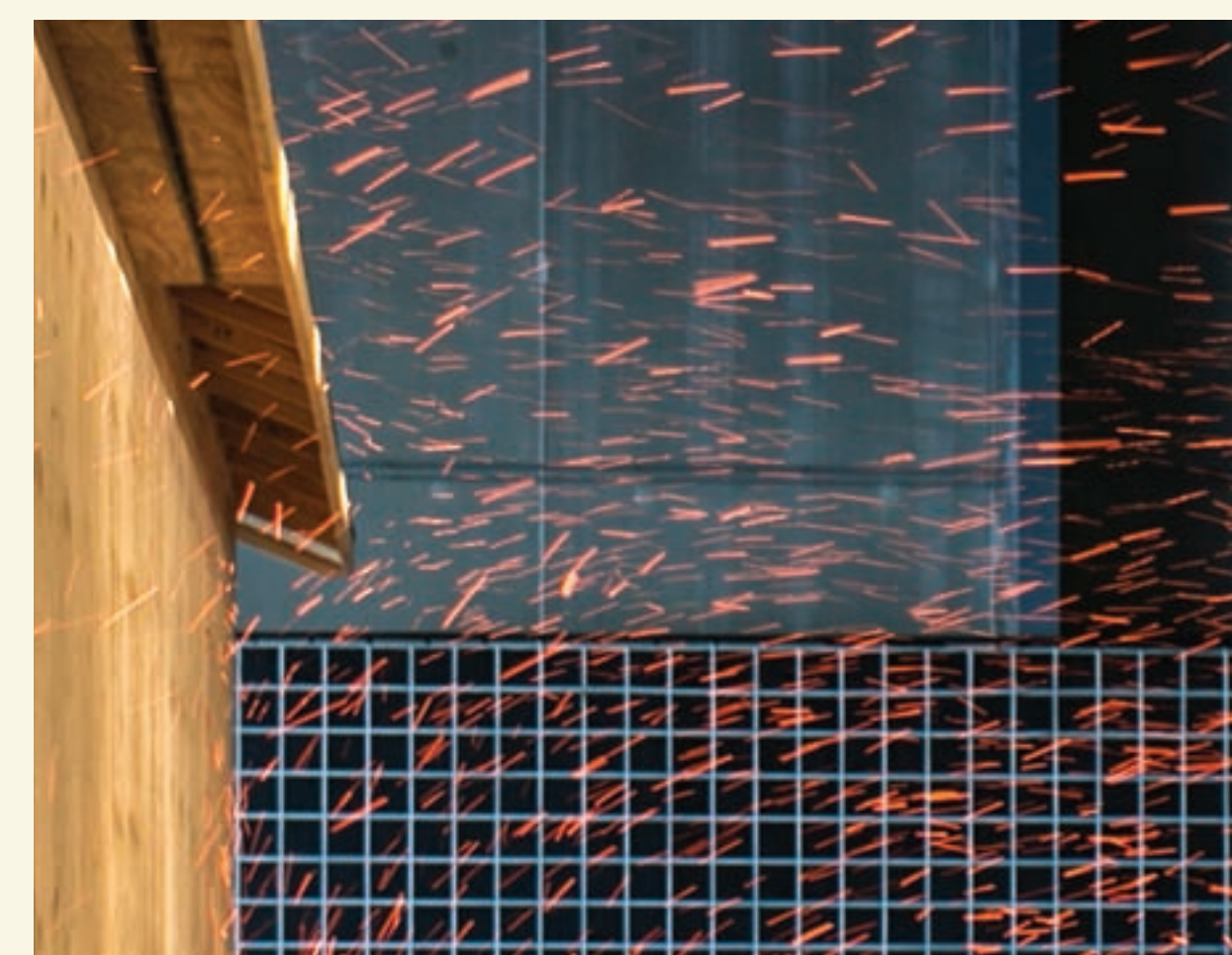
▲ Windows

Buildings will burn inside from heat and flames outside. Keep trees and shrubs 2 feet from windows. Replace windows with double-paned glass and use non-flammable, heavy drapes of natural fibers. Avoid lace curtains and synthetics.



◀ Roofs, Eaves & Soffits

Wind blown embers can easily ignite leaf litter on your roof and shingles, spreading flames to your roof, sidings and into your home. Current building codes require an AAA-rated roof, bird stops for barrel tiled roofs and sealing eaves with soffits made of fire resistant materials.



◀ Vents in Attic or Crawl Space

Keep flying embers from entering roof and foundation vents by covering with 1/8-inch metal mesh.

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