

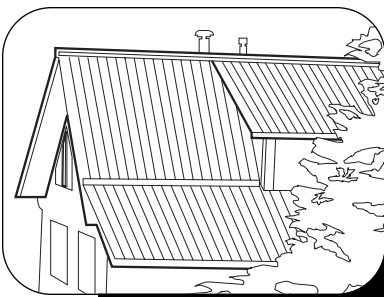
The FireSmart Home

You never know when a fire can strike. But, if you're FireSmart, you have a better chance of saving your home, yard, outbuildings – even your family and yourself.

With awareness and responsible practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

Saskatchewan Environment has prepared this and other fact sheets as companion pieces to the FireSmart video series, which provides information on fire safety and helps you reduce the risks of wildfire to your property.

If you're building, purchasing or renovating a home in a fire prone area, using fire resistant materials will increase your home's chances of surviving a fire.

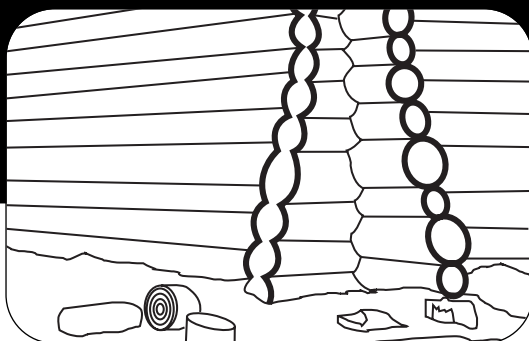
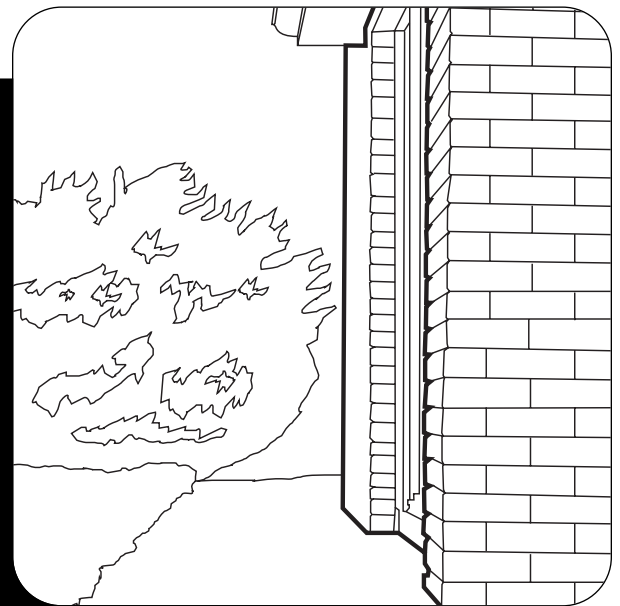


1. Roofs should be constructed with materials like asphalt, tin or composite shingles

- using fire resistant materials greatly increases the chances that your home will survive a wildfire

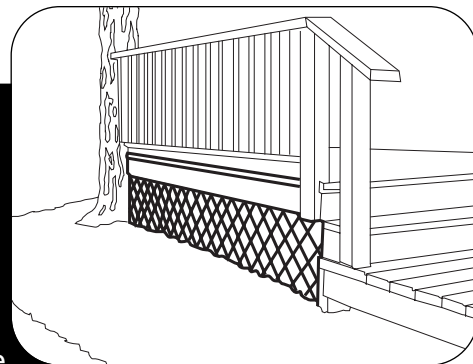
2. Use stucco, brick, plaster or heavy timbers for siding on your house

- vinyl and wooden siding provide little protection from fire



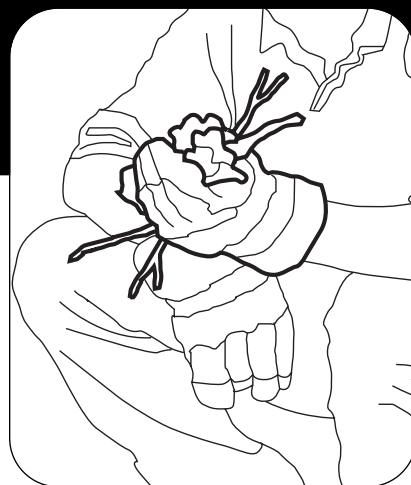
3. Screen in or cover all areas under your home and deck

- embers are the most common threat to buildings because they can travel up to two kilometres before they land and potentially start new fires
- screen areas where embers could potentially land



4. Screen in building vents and clean the leaves, needles and twigs out of your eavestroughs and off your roof

- dry grass and leaves under a building, on the roof or in eavestroughs make ideal kindling for a fire to start
- If embers fall and there is nothing to burn, then you're being FireSmart



Remember, if your fire goes wild, you may be held liable to pay for damages. For tips on fire safety or reducing wildfire risks, visit www.se.gov.sk.ca or contact your local Saskatchewan Environment office.

To report a wildfire, call Firewatch, toll-free at 1-800-667-9660.

