

## CARE FOR LOVED ONES

- Look for signs of depression or anxiety related to this experience, such as feeling physically and mentally drained; having difficulty making decisions or staying focused; becoming easily frustrated on a more frequent basis; feeling tired, sad, numb, lonely, or worried; and changes in appetite or sleep patterns. Seek help from local mental health providers if you detect these signs in yourself or others.
- If you have animals, watch them closely and keep them under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn their paws or hooves.

## INSURANCE

- Photograph damage to your property and contact your insurance agent. Do what you can to prevent further damage (e.g., putting a tarp on a damaged roof) that insurance may not cover.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

### CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS

Whenever possible, use fire-resistant materials for construction, renovation, or repairs, and practice good maintenance.

- Use Class A roof material, such as tile, slate, or asphalt with an underlayment, or Class B pressure-treated shakes and shingles to reduce risk.
- Use wood treated with fire-retardant chemicals.
- Ensure that the driveway or other access is wide enough for emergency vehicles to enter, as well as being clear of flammable vegetation.
- Mark the entrance to your property with address signs that are clearly visible from the road.
- Install dual-sensor smoke alarms on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Install fire sprinklers.
- Install spark arrestors in chimneys and stovepipes and inspect chimneys at least twice a year.
- Enclose or box in eaves, soffits, decks, and other openings in the structure.
- Use fine wire mesh to cover vents, crawl spaces, and the space underneath porches and decks.
- Install multi-pane windows or tempered safety glass.
- Use fireproof shutters to protect large windows and glass doors from radiant heat.

### LANDSCAPING ZONES

Firewise, a program from the National Fire Protection Association, defines the Home Ignition Zone as an area extending up to 200 feet from a structure. This is the area where the primary goal is limiting the level of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of the remaining vegetation. Think about creating three zones around your house or property, as described below. For more information, see [www.firewise.org/](http://www.firewise.org/).