

Town Hall

2-3 pm, July 17, 2025

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- UC Path Update
- Stories from the Field
- Status Update

Chat warmup
Learning about each other:

What's your favorite summer sweet treat?

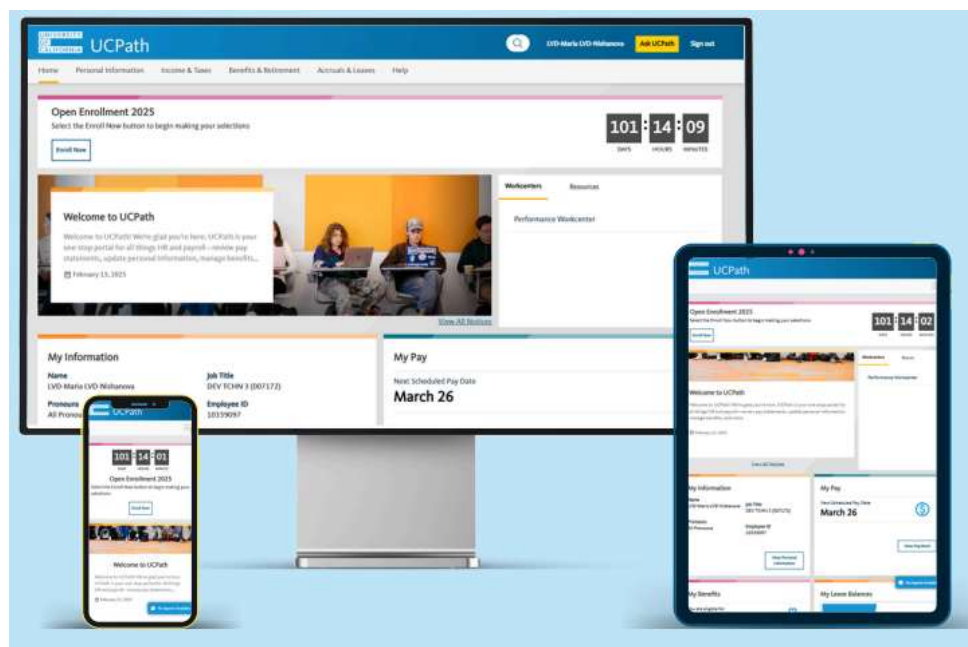


UC Path Update

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UCPath Update



UCPath has been updated as of July 14, 2025:

- <https://ucpath.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

What Is new:

Updated Top Navigation: Previous left-hand menu has been replaced with a streamlined top navigation bar.

New Sub Pages: Employees will see pages for Personal Information, Income & Taxes, Benefits & Retirement, Accruals & Leaves.

Manager Hub: The new Manager Hub provides a centralized view for managers to access team information.

Transactor Hub: Transactors will access a new Transactor Hub, consolidating their tools in one place.

Mobile-friendly: The new layout offers improved functionality across desktop and mobile devices.

Alerts & Notices: The new alerts section supports multiple messages with clearer formatting.

Learn More About Release:

- <https://ucanr.edu/site/ucpath/article/ucpath-july-2025-release>

Stories from the Field

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The UC ANR Fire Network

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Mariposa, Madera, Fresno Counties



UC ANR Fire Network



- Includes director, statewide coordinator, and four fire advisors across the state
- Multiple advisors and specialists from other topical areas
- All conduct fire related research and outreach

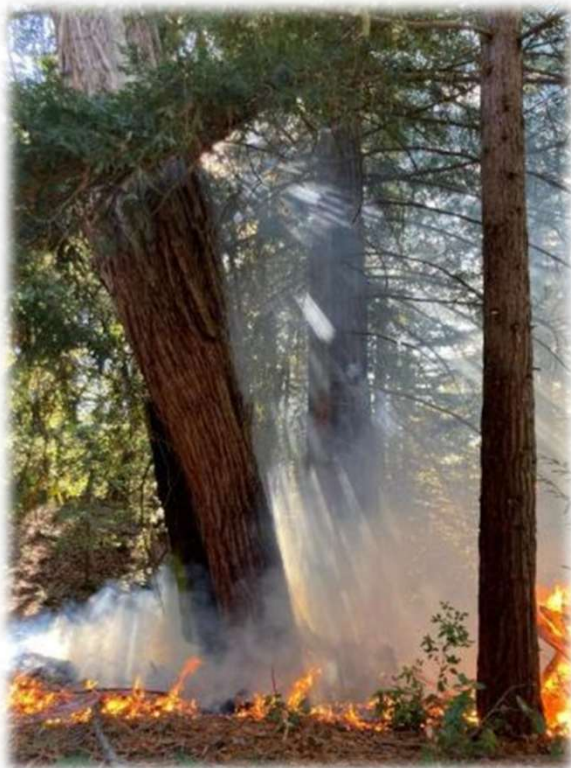
Key Programmatic Areas

- Empowering science-informed land stewardship
 - Resources, training and research
- Community resilience
 - Facilitate informed community actions
- Post-fire recovery and restoration
- Workforce development and professional belonging
 - Increase our ability to address fire issues into the future



California ecosystems are fire adapted

Fire will touch all of us in some way at some point...



Support solutions – *good fire* trainings and events



Photo by Jane Manning

What is “good fire?”

- Results in ecological benefits
- Restores culture and natural processes
- Reduces wildfire risk
- Protects water sources

Includes cultural burns, community burns, and prescribed fire and fires managed for resource benefit conducted by agencies

Central Coast Good Fire Fair



As a society we need to learn to live with fire and good fire is *one part* of the solution!

- **WHEN:** October 11, 2025
- **WHERE:** Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park in Felton



Support solutions – community resilience



- Empower communities to take responsibility and action
- Conduct home hardening and defensible space workshops
- Organize prescribed burning and pile burn workshops in rural and high-fire risk communities

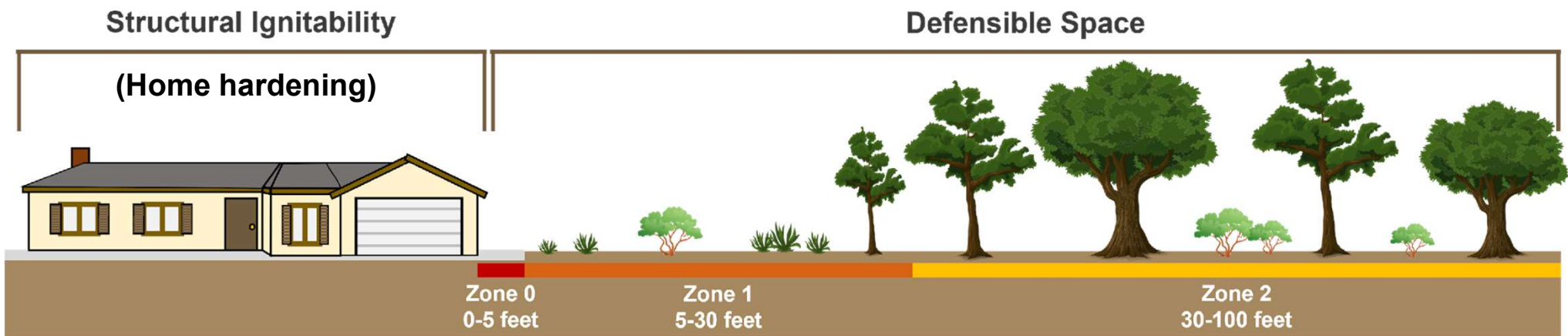
Yosemite Gateway Prescribed Burn Cooperative

A CALFIRE-funded prescribed fire educational program covering Mariposa and Madera Counties

Goal: To advance local knowledge of wildfire preparedness and increase capacity for prescribed fire use on private lands in Mariposa and Madera Counties



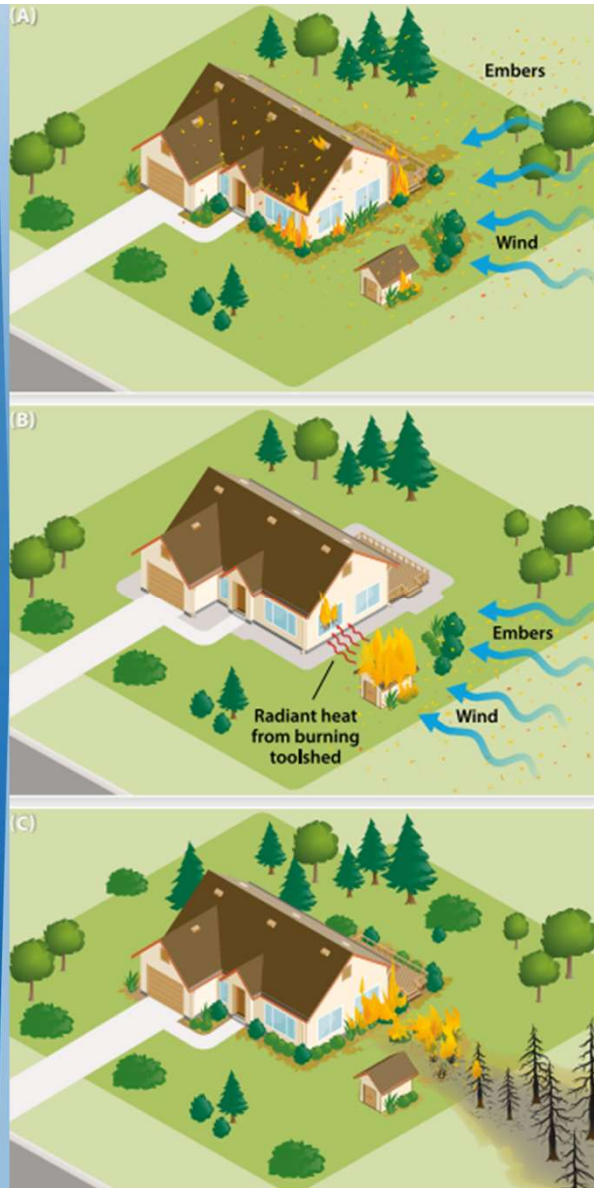
Home hardening + defensible space



- Protect building components
- Reduce risk of ignition

- Reduce fire hazards around home
- Reduce fuel around critical areas
- Maintain vegetation
- Provide access for first responders

How structures burn



Embers

Embers can be transported from miles away. Once inside a structure, they can start a fire within the building or ignite combustible material adjacent to structures.

Radiant heating

Radiant heat from nearby burning objects can ignite structures including fences, vegetation, or melt vinyl components.

Direct flame contact

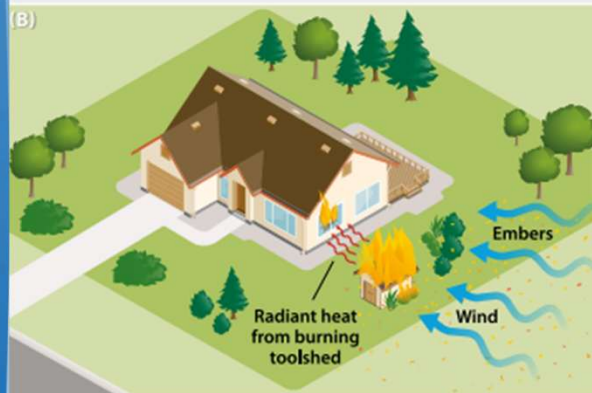
Vegetation and other combustible materials create a direct fire path to a structure.

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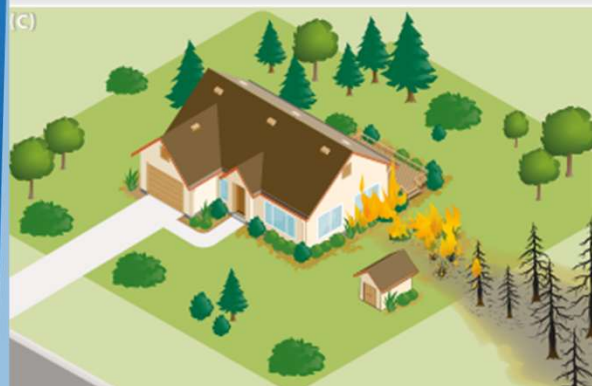
Embers

Reduce vulnerabilities through **home hardening**



Radiant heating

Break fire's path through **defensible space**



Direct flame contact

Reduce fuel around structures through **defensible space** and **fuels reduction**

Zone Zero

- Defensible space historically focused on the larger area between homes and the wildland. Over time, research has shown that the area closer to a home is more important
- CA legislature passed AB 3074 (2020) and SB 504 (2024), which establish an “ember-resistant” defensible space zone within the first 5 feet of any structure
 - Current timeline is to have the rules finalized and go into effect within the next year
 - Will immediately apply to new construction in SRA
 - Three-year grace period for existing construction

Defensible space

Zone zero – 0 to 5 ft non-combustible zone

Remove all combustible materials

- Gravel/stones are good options
- Check vulnerable locations (under decks, inside corners, etc.)

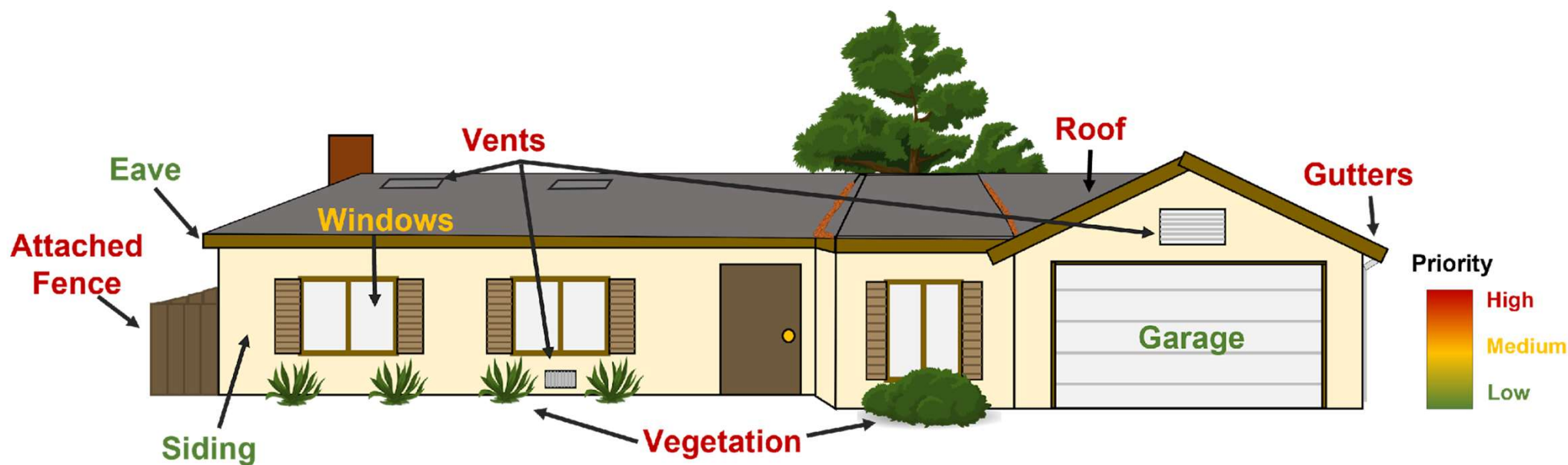


A firefighter works to put out spot fires from embers

Source: LA Times

Home hardening priorities

Start at the home and work outwards



Home hardening

Protect your roof and gutters

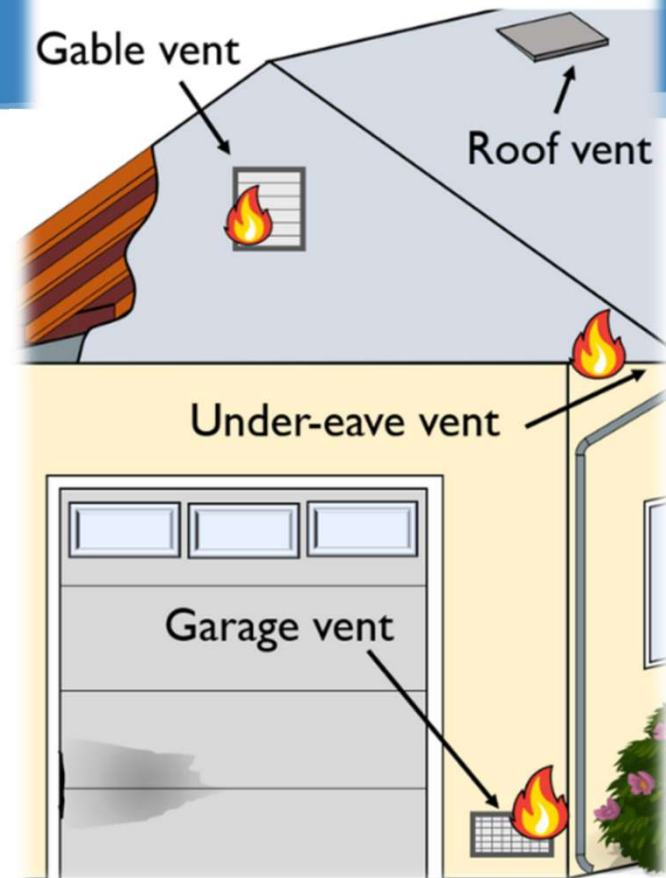
1. Keep your roof and gutters clean of debris
2. Keep roof in good condition and repair when necessary
3. Roof edges should be protected with metal flashing



Home hardening

Protect your vents

1. Retrofit traditional vents with adding 1/8" metal mesh screening
2. Install ember-resistant vents
3. Keep flammable materials away from vents



Home hardening

Protect your fences

1. Clear vegetation and combustible materials in contact with fence
2. If a fence is attached to a structure, replace the last 5 feet with a noncombustible section or gate



Thank you!

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THANK YOU!

**Next Town Hall
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