



## THINK IT THROUGH BASIC PREVENTION

### Preparing is the thoughtful thing to do.

2015 brought some of the worst wildfires we've seen to date. In order to minimize the impact of wildfires this year, we're focusing on preparedness as a means to help prevent you from suffering a loss.

Wildfire preparedness is an attitude. It's something that should be considered all year long. Below are some critical maintenance measures that you can get in the habit of doing to improve your safety.

For more information, please contact your local independent agent or visit [www.MutualOfEnumclaw.com/wildfire](http://www.MutualOfEnumclaw.com/wildfire).

### Maintenance to Help Protect Your Home and Property

#### 1. Clean roofs and gutters

- Inspect these areas at least twice a year

#### 2. Replace any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration

- IBHS recommends you install a Class A fire-rated roof

#### 3. Repair damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows

- Tempered glass, dual-pane windows are preferred

#### 4. Enclose eaves, fascias, soffits and vents to keep embers out

- Use 1/8-inch mesh to cover vents, and box-in open eaves to create a soffited eave

#### 5. Protect attachments like decks, porches and patios from ember exposure

- Apply an exterior siding product around edges and to the bottom of the support joists

#### 6. Do not connect wooden fencing directly to structures

- New fences should be made of noncombustible or ignition-resistant materials (masonry, metal, heavy timber or fire retardant pressure treated wood)

#### 7. Keep firewood and storage tanks away from structures

