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General Rules of Fire Safety

Heed the checklist from our local fire departments to create a defensible space around your home. To reiterate fire district recommendations:

- Prevent embers from igniting your home by clearing leaves, needles, and debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks.
- Mow grasses and weeds.
- Keep your garden watered.
- Prune tree limbs to keep the lowest branches 6-10 feet from the ground.
- Reduce “fire fuel laddering” by not allowing bushes or trees to touch one another.
- Keep combustible materials 15-30 feet away from structures.
- Maintain your property and be alert for any fire danger.

For further safety tips visit www.mofd.org/fire-prevention/abatement.

Through proper plant selection, placement and maintenance, we are able to diminish the possibility of ignition, lower fire intensity, and reduce the spread, helping our homes to survive the blaze. A fire-resistant landscape reduces the risk to our homes while enabling firefighters a place to defend our structures.



An Orinda home BEFORE photos with fire-prone plantings.



The Orinda home AFTER clean-up of branches, shrubs, and debris.

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