

Insurance

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Safer from Wildfires

Actions that may qualify for discounts

Firewise USA

Residents reducing wildfire risks



Trees

MAINTENANCE IS THE KEY!

Trees are allowed to be in Zone 0 as long as they are maintained and their lower branches are pruned to having no branches within 5 feet of the roof or walls or 10 feet of chimneys.



Zone 1
Approved Trees

2025 WUI CODE STANDARDS

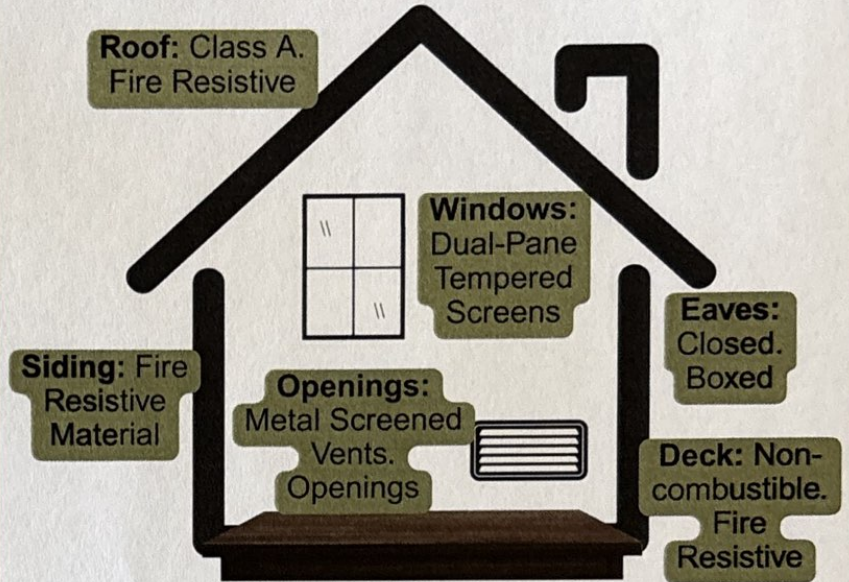
Adopted by City of SLO
Effective Jan 1, 2026



Home Hardening

Adoption of the 2025 WUI Code, starts Jan 2026

Requirements: Citywide - All new construction/remodels
Goal: Increase fire resistant of structures through ignition resistant building materials



Real Estate Disclosures

Requirements: Property in **Very High** and **High** must disclose their zone and provide an AP 38 disclosure form with a DSI Inspection

How do get an AB 38?

Contact your local realtor
SLO Coastal Association of Realtors
The City of SLO does not provide AB 38 inspections



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Don't wait to evacuate!

Know Your Zone



Wildfire Preparedness



Sign up for Alerts



HOME HARDENING

The following standards from the 2025 CA WUI Code. To ensure all properties in SLO City (New construction and additions/renovations) are designed and constructed to resist damage from wildfires and to mitigate fire spread.

ROOF UPGRADES



- Use Class A fire-rated roofing materials (per ASTM E108 or UL 790).
- Replace old roofs during maintenance with compliant materials.

VENT PROTECTION



- Install ember-resistant vents (with noncombustible mesh: 1/16" to 1/8").
- Cover attic, underfloor, and crawlspace vents with WUI-compliant products.

EAVES AND SOFFITS



- Enclose eaves with fire-resistant materials.
- Plug or caulk gaps larger than 1/8" to prevent ember intrusion.
- Install noncombustible rain gutter and downspout.
- Install rain gutter covers to prevent accumulation of leaves and debris.

WINDOWS



- Use multi-pane tempered glass windows.
- Avoid single-pane windows which fail under high heat.

DOORS AND WEATHER STRIPPINGS



- Install fire-rated doors.
- Seal gaps >1/8" with UL Standard 10C weather stripping.

DECKS AND BALCONIES



- Use ignition-resistant or noncombustible materials.
- Enclose areas beneath decks or cover with 1/8" mesh screens.

CHIMNEY



- Cover chimney and stovepipe outlets with noncombustible, corrosion-resistant metal mesh screen with $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch openings.

WALL COVERINGS



- Use ignition-resistant siding.
- Replace combustible siding as needed during repairs.
- Inspect for dry rot, gaps, and cracks. Caulk gaps greater than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and replace any damaged boards, including those with dry rot.

Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Adopted June 17, 2025



Vegetation
Fuels
Management

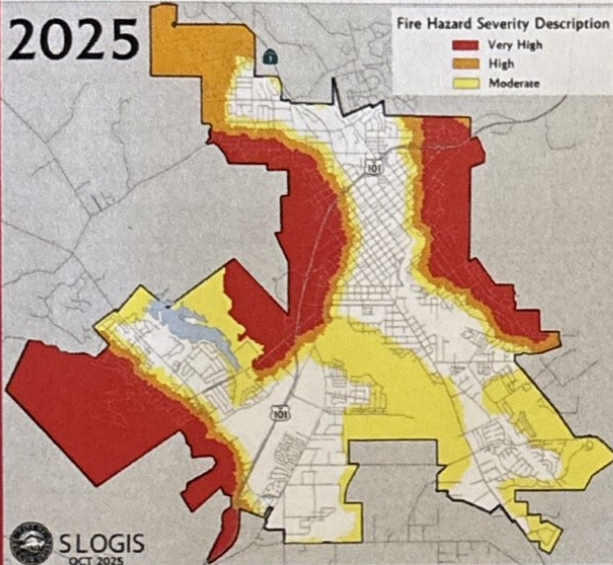
Defensible
Space

Home
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Emergency
Response

Community
Preparedness

2025



City Parcels Designated in FHSZs (2025)

Very High	2,845
FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES	
High	1,632
(Moderate, High, Very High)	
Moderate	4,305

WUI (Wildland Urban Interface)

All FHSZ (Moderate, High, Very High)

Fire-Smart Vegetation

1. Growth with little or no accumulation of dead vegetation
2. Nonresinous plants
3. Low volume of total vegetation
4. Plants with high live fuel moisture
5. Drought-tolerant plants
6. Stands without ladder fuels
7. Plants requiring little maintenance
8. Plants with woody stems and branches that require prolonged heating to ignite

Defensible Space

Requirements: Parcels in **Very High** Zones

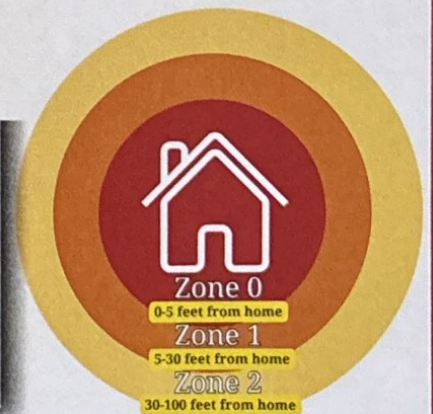
Goal: Stop the spread of vegetation fire to structure

- **DRAFT: Zone 0: 0-5' Ember Resistant Zone**
 - No combustible materials permitted
 - No dead or dying branches on trees, all live tree branches maintained 5' above the adjacent roof
- **Zone 1: 5-30' Lean, Clean, Green**
 - Maintain a tree, shrub or other plant free of dead or dying vegetation
 - Trees within Zone 1: Keep dripline at least 10' from combustible structures
- **Zone 2: 30-100' Reduced Fuel Zone**
 - **Fire-Smart Vegetation is strongly recommended**

FUEL MODIFICATION ZONES

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Defensible Space

(Very High Zones Only)



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