Own Your Zone – Exterior Home Protection

1ST PRIORITY

A Roof
- Install a Class A-rated roof such as asphalt fiberglass shingles or metal panels. $$$

B Roof and yard debris
- Clear leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and areas around fences. DIY

C Buffer zone
- Clear vegetation and other combustible materials to create a 5-foot buffer zone around the home. $$

D Vents
- Install flame- and ember-resistant vents. $

E Deck
- Remove vegetation, firewood, and other combustible materials from on top and under decks. DIY

2ND PRIORITY

F Fencing
- Replace wood or plastic fences attached to the home with noncombustible metal fencing. $$

G Enclose decks
- Enclose low decks and areas under bay windows with mesh screening or ventilated noncombustible material. $

H Trees
- Remove branches that overhang the roof and gutters. $

3RD PRIORITY

I Siding
- Replace at least the lower foot of wood or vinyl siding with fiber cement, stucco, brick, or stone siding. $$

J Eaves
- Enclose open eaves with noncombustible soffit material. $$

K Windows
- Use dual-paned, tempered glass in windows and doors. $$$

L Deck surface
- Replace wooden decking with fire-rated composite material, metal, or lightweight concrete. $$$

DIY - Do it yourself (sweat and labor)  $ - Inexpensive  $$ - Moderately expensive (may need a contractor)  $$$ - Investment (professional install)