



Garages are often ignored when residents take steps to protect their homes from wildfire.

Burning embers don't discriminate. Gaps and cracks at the top, bottom, and edges of garage doors are weak spots, where burning embers can lodge or enter, putting your home at risk, even if wildfire flames never reach your property.

Garage vents and glass panels in garage doors also put your home in danger during a wildfire. Both are potential entry points if the vents aren't screened, or if single-pane, non-tempered glass is used on the doors.

Many homeowners don't understand the wildfire threat that garages create until it's too late.

If you live in an area prone to wildfires, the following guidelines will help you identify garage issues that should be addressed:

- If your current garage doors are made of combustible materials, such as wood, choose non-combustible materials when it's time to replace them
- Install weather-stripping around and under the garage doors to cut gap space and keep embers from blowing in
- Adjust garage doors to make a tight fit with the door frames
- Replace glass panels in garage doors, and side-entry doors, with tempered glass. Installing dual panes will provide an extra layer of protection
- Cover garage vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh screens or replace them with ember-resistant baffle vents
- Store flammable liquids away from heat or ignition sources



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