There’s a miss conception about what is included in the Fire Wise program. Officially, Fire Wise only pertains to lots with homes. For homes to be considered fully Fire wise, the following issues need to be complied with for the entire lot/s. Nice to have done items will be identified by three asterisks \*\*\*.

1. **Carports, crawl spaces or anywhere around the house**: Remove all flammable material.
2. **Decks, Elevated Porches, Eaves and Soffits**: All vents should be covered 1/8th in metal mesh screening to block embers from entering the home. \*\*\*
3. **Fences**: should be nonflammable materials such as metal or masonry.
4. **Fireplace Chimneys**: Remove debris from all parts of the house but especially places it collects. Install Spark arrestors on chimneys if possible.
5. **Foundation**: The same metal mesh should be places over all vents. \*\*\*
6. **Garages**: Apply weather stripping to the perimeter of garage doors and ensure they close tight. \*\*\*
7. **Gutters**: Metal gutters do not ignite but debris that’s accumulated in them does. Remove all debris.
8. **Roof Maintenance**: Keep roofs clean from leafs and pine needles.
9. **Roofing Materials and Siding**: Should be constructed of ignition resistant materials. \*\*\*
10. **Skylights**: Remove all debris from on or around skylights. Glass is better than plastic or fiberglass.
11. **Sliding glass doors**: Should be double pane tempered glass. \*\*\*
12. **Vents**: Consider installing the same mesh. For dryer vents consider closing vents. \*\*\*
13. **Landscaping**: Dead vegetation, dried leaves, needles, and ground accumulation needs to be removed.
14. **Hardscaping**: Stone, gravel or cement should be installed around the perimeter of the home.
15. **Trees and Shrubs**: Remove these from around the home. If necessary, replace them with succulents. Prune tree limbs that overhang the home or are within 10 ft. of the home. All trees on the property should be pruned, thinned and dead branches removed. Ideally no limbs should be within 6 to10 ft. of the ground and 10 ft. or more from structures. The canopies of trees should not be any closer than 10 ft of another tree.
16. **Wood Mulch**: Mulch should be replaced with noncombustible materials.
17. **Natural or Wild Grass**: Both should be trimmed close to the ground and trimmings removed. Neither should ever be taller than 4 inches. Water grass and shrubs regularly when possible.
18. **Vegetation**: Remove dead or cut vegetation from under propane tanks, trees, bushes or plants.
19. **The first 10 ft. of all properties:** must be clear at all times for emergency use.
20. **House Numbers**: Should be visible from the street. \*\*\*

Although vacant lots aren’t officially included in the Fire Wise program the following issues from above **MUST** be completed for the entire lot for the safety of the community. The following items apply for vacant lots: Numbers 3, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.