



Home Hardening & Defensible Space Legislation – Enacted 2025

In the last two years, CSG West states passed bills:

- Requiring and funding defensible space and home hardening for both new and existing structures.
- Updating building codes to require fire-resistant materials and construction practices.
- Creating grant programs and financial incentives for mitigation measures.
- Supporting local flexibility and public education for wildfire risk reduction.
- Integrating insurance incentives and transparency for homeowners who take preventative actions.
- California A.B.2469: Emergency Management Assistance Compact: California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program

Became Public Law on September 22, 2024

- Extends the California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program, providing grants for structure hardening, defensible space, and vegetation management. Adds new reporting requirements to evaluate cost-effectiveness and risk reduction outcomes.
- California S.B.504: Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments
Became Public Law on September 29, 2024

- Mandates 100 feet of defensible space around structures, with specific fuel reduction and ember-resistant zone requirements. Expands grant programs for local governments to support fire prevention and home hardening education.
- California S.B.514: Wildfire prevention: qualified entities: assessments: California Fire Service Training and Education Program Act
Became Public Law on October 13, 2025
 - Expands programs for defensible space and home hardening assessments, allows nonprofits to conduct assessments, and enhances privacy protections for property owners. Establishes training and certification for wildfire resilience activities.
- California A.B.1455: State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection: defensible space requirements: ember-resistant zones
Became Public Law on October 13, 2025
 - Strengthens and clarifies defensible space and ember-resistant zone requirements for new and existing structures, mandates timely regulatory action, and allows local agencies to tailor requirements to local conditions.
- Colorado HB24-1091: Fire-Hardened Building Materials in Real Property
Signed by the Governor on March 12, 2024
 - Prohibits restrictions on the use of fire-hardened building materials in residential properties, ensuring homeowners can use fire-resistant materials for fences and structures.
- Washington S.B. 6120: Concerning the Wildland Urban Interface Code
Became Public Law on March 15, 2024
 - Incorporates the International Wildland Urban Interface Code into state building codes, enhancing fire resistance standards for roofs, walls, and driveways in high-risk areas.
- Utah H.B.48: Wildland Urban Interface Modifications
Signed by the Governor on March 19, 2025
 - Requires counties to assess fees on high-risk properties, adopt building code standards for wildland-urban interface areas, and establishes a fund for wildfire prevention and mitigation.

- Montana H.B. 136: Revise property insurance laws relating to preventative measures to reduce damage
Became Public Law on April 7, 2025
 - Permits insurers to offer premium reductions for homeowners who implement fire-resistant building materials and defensible landscaping.
- California A.B.888: California Safe Homes grant program
Became Public Law on October 10, 2025
 - Establishes a grant program to help vulnerable communities reduce wildfire losses and improve insurability, prioritizing roof replacements and noncombustible zones.

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