

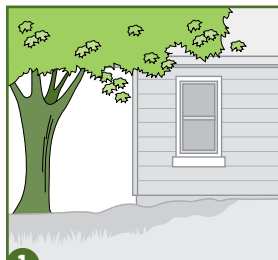
Three Ways To Reduce Climate Risk

Working With Nature At Home

Heat And Flood Protection For areas not at risk of wildfire

Complete simple upgrades

Do-it-yourself, for under \$250



1

Maintain existing shade trees.



2

Grow plants climbing up your walls.



3

Green your balcony or deck with potted or hanging plants.

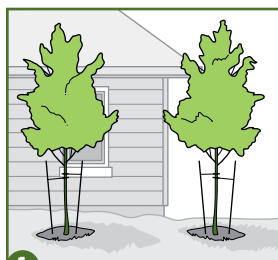


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Join or start a community greening program.

Complete more complex upgrades

Work with a contractor, for over \$250



1

Plant new shade trees, along south, east, and west facing walls.



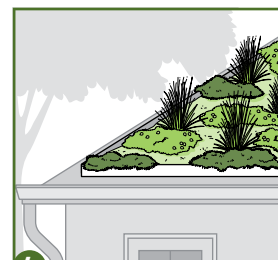
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Convert paved areas to vegetation which absorbs less heat and more water.



3

Install a rain garden to collect stormwater (at least 5 m from the foundation).



4

Install a green (vegetated) roof.

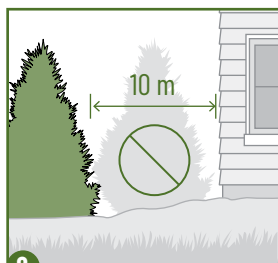
Note: Seek local advice on appropriate native species that will tolerate future climate conditions, and, in places at risk of wildfire, consider the FireSmart™ guidance below.

Wildfire Protection For areas at risk of wildfire



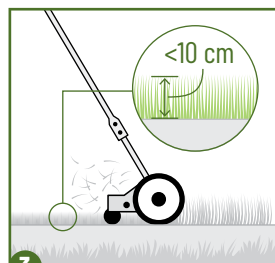
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Remove all combustible ground cover (mulch and plants) within 1.5 m of the house perimeter.



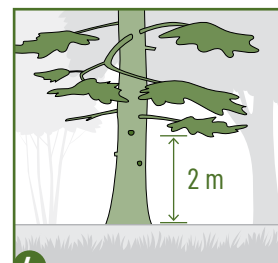
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Remove conifer trees that are within 10 m of the house.



3

Mow the lawn to <10 cm and plant low-growing, well-spaced shrubs and other fire-resistant plants.



4

Prune trees to create a 2 m clearance from the ground to the lowest tree branches.

Note: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of fire.

