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LET'S GET PREPARED, HOLLYWOOD HILLS!

- How to harden your home so it stands a fighting chance
- Defensible Space because romance isn't the only thing that needs boundaries.
- •Robert Feldmen to speak about where insurance is headed.

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# **WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS:**

Top 10 Least Expensive Things You Can Do Right Now (from MySafeLA.org)

To support homeowners — especially those with limited budgets, here are **10 low-cost steps** you can take today to begin hardening your home for wildfire resilience:

# 1. Clear Dead Vegetation Within 5 Feet

This is your first line of defense. Remove dry leaves, dead plants, and flammable mulch immediately around the house.

## 2. Replace Mulch with Non-Combustible Alternatives

Rock, gravel, or decomposed granite are safer than bark or shredded wood mulch.

# 3. Install Gutter Guards or Clean Gutters Regularly

Clogged gutters filled with dry debris are ember magnets. Install inexpensive metal guards or keep them clean.

#### 4. Seal Gaps and Cracks

Use fire-resistant caulk or expanding foam to seal siding, foundations, and eaves gaps. Even a pencil-width gap can let in embers.

#### 5. Cover Vents with 1/8" Mesh Screening

Fine metal mesh screens prevent embers from entering attic and crawlspace vents.

# 6. Move Flammable Items Away from Structures

Store firewood, trash cans, patio furniture, and doormats at least 5 feet away from your home or garage.

## 7. Trim Tree Branches Overhanging the Roof

Branches should be cut back at least 10 feet from your roofline or chimney.

# 8. Replace or Repair Damaged Weatherstripping

Gaps under doors and around windows are ember entry points. Replace worn rubber or vinyl weatherstripping.

## 9. Use Metal Mesh Covers on Chimneys

Install spark arresters on chimney openings to reduce the risk of ejected embers starting fires.

# 10. Install Hose Bibs or Fire-Resistant Hoses at All Corners

Access to water at multiple corners of your home allows for quicker suppression of minor flare-ups.

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