

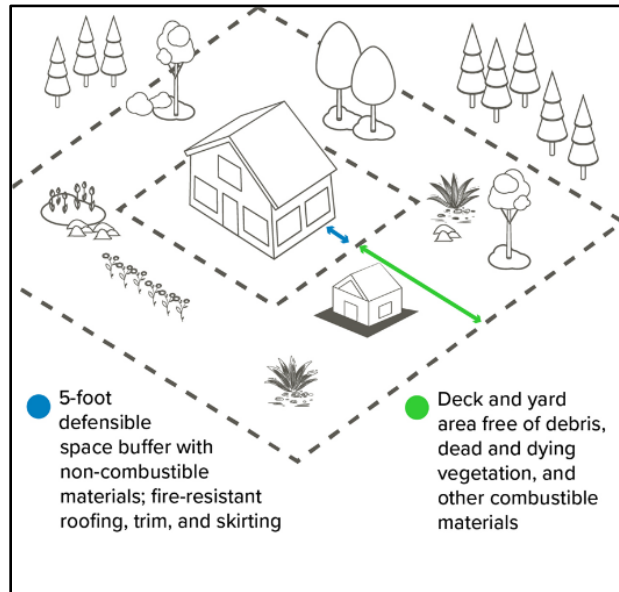
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What are Mitigation Retrofits?

The 2020 and 2021 ReCoverCA Housing Programs offer a program for homeowners living in eligible communities to use up to \$50,000 for mitigation retrofits to help protect their homes from future disasters, including wildfires. So what exactly is mitigation and what are mitigation retrofits?

Mitigation refers to activities that increase protection for homes against wildfires and other disasters. Mitigation measures can include creating “defensible space” around a home, such as through removing combustible vegetation around the home and replacing it with non-combustible materials such as pea gravel and other fire-resistant landscaping, as well as removing hazardous trees.



Mitigation measures also include “home hardening” retrofits, such as installing fire-resistant roofing, siding, and skirting around the home as well as installing gutter guards and dual-paned windows with screens. These defensible space and home-hardening activities reduce risk and improve resiliency of the home in the event of future disasters.



If you or someone you know has mitigation needs on their property, please visit the [ReCoverCA website](#) to learn more. Full information, including eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions, can be found on the website.

Eligible counties are Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Plumas, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma.

Sign up for the ReCoverCA monthly newsletter at www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/recoverca/email-signup and follow

the Program on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ReCoverCA to receive the latest updates. If you have questions about the Program, please contact us at ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov or (916) 202-1764.

ReCoverCA Out in the Community

Our dedicated ReCoverCA outreach team successfully engaged with more than 200 individuals across multiple events, distributing over 950 flyers containing program information about wildfire mitigation and reconstruction. Efforts included hosting presentations, application intake events, pop-up events, and canvassing throughout Plumas, Butte, and Napa Counties.

The Plumas County Wildfire Preparedness Fair in Quincy, CA was a perfect match for ReCoverCA outreach efforts. With excellent organization by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, great weather, and its combination with the annual Children's Fair, the event drew in more than 800 participants. Most individuals were somewhat knowledgeable about wildfire mitigation and home hardening and were interested in disaster preparedness. Four people came to the fair



specifically seeking information from ReCoverCA. One attendee said they learned about the program through an article in the Plumas Sun.

Altogether the team interacted with nearly 100 individuals, most of whom knew someone who was affected by the Dixie Fire. Snacks and bubbles were a big draw to the booth, engaging many families who might have otherwise passed by, and an interactive bubble gun was also very popular!

Have questions related to income thresholds and other eligibility items for ReCoverCA Housing Programs? Visit <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/recoverca/program-resources> to learn more.



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