

FIRE SAFETY 101:

DOORS AND WEATHER STRIPPING

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DOOR CONDITION

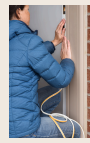


It is essential to keep the doors of your home, from garage doors to small access doors, in good condition. This means maintaining painting, wood sealant, adding or replacing weather stripping, and filling in gaps when needed. Some focal points include:

WINDOWS ON DOOR



WEATHER STRIPPING



GAPS IN FRAME



DOOR TYPE & MATERIAL



WINDOWS ON DOORS

MULTI-PANE

Replace single pane with multi-paned windows, as they offer more than one panel to act as a barrier from potential radiant heat from wildfire.

TEMPERED

Tempered windows offer resistance to breaking under thermal stress in the event of a wildfire, and further prevents fire from entering your home.

CONDITION

Annually check the condition of your window by assessing the frame. Check if there are any gaps or wood paneling that need to be replaced or filled with caulking.



WEATHERSTRIPPING AND GAPS

WEATHER STRIPPING

Weather stripping is an essential addition to the door frames of your home. They not only protect your home from weather damage, but they also keep embers out. Take some consideration to the type of door and the size of the gaps you are wanting to cover before adding weather stripping to your doors. Check your weather stripping annually for signs of deterioration or gaps formed due to weathering. Replace them when they are no longer in good condition.



GAPS

Any gaps that reveal themselves from weathering or age, should be sealed and filled with the proper caulking or covered with weather stripping that is appropriate for the material type.

DOOR MATERIALS AND TYPE

MATERIALS

Non-combustible such as composite, trex, and metal should be used. Wood is a common material for doors and can be fire safe when its made of solid hardwood. To maintain the condition of wood doors, you can repaint them or use weather resistant sealant.

[Approved materials here](#)

Front Door Materials



GARAGE DOOR

Pay attention to the weather stripping on your garage door, as they are often prone to intense weathering. If you see signs of weathering or gaps forming, its time to replace your weather stripping. When installing weather stripping, make sure to stretch it until it's taut, leaving no room for gaps.

SLIDING GLASS DOOR

For a sliding glass door you want to use tempered and multi-pane glass to prevent breakage from oncoming wildfire. Make sure the frame is in good condition. Wood can be weathered overtime and can be revived through painting or weather resistant sealant.

FRAMED DOOR

For your framed doors, pay attention to the material type. Non-combustible or solid hardwood is preferred. Make sure weather stripping is intact and in good condition towards the bottom of your door, while any windows should be tempered or multi-pane.