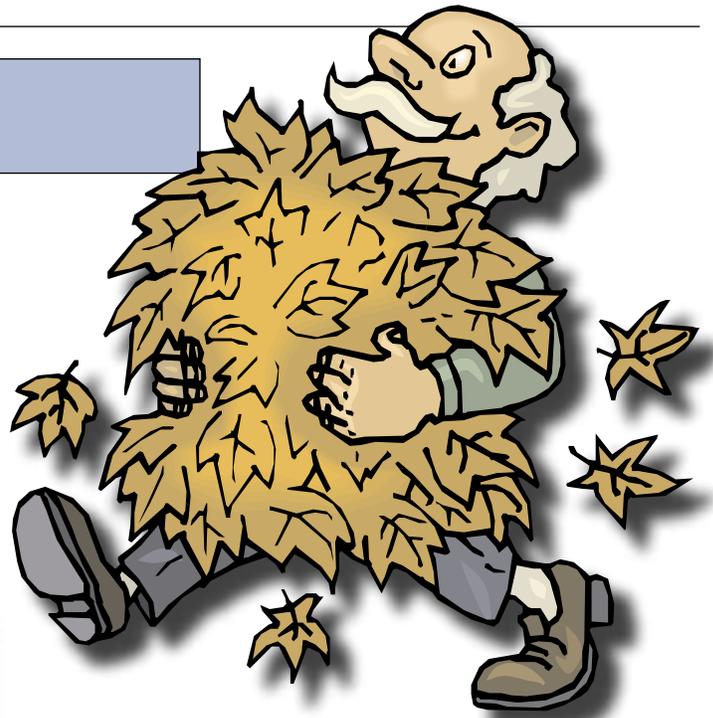


Under-deck flammables

A burning wooden deck or stairway may catch the rest of the house on fire. The best way to keep that from happening is to clean flammable material out from beneath exterior wooden decks and stairways.

Firewood and lumber need to be removed. Dry needles, leaves and other litter needs to be raked out and removed.

Keeping the space under wooden decks and stairways clean — and enclosed — is one of the best ways to keep a house safe during fire season. ❁



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A wildfire often starts in dry leaves, needles or grass, which may quickly spread to heavier fuels, such as firewood and lumber stored beneath a deck.



A forest fire like this one (right) can send tons of glowing debris skyward. If your property is downwind of an inferno like this, expect lots of hot stuff to land in your yard and on your roof, and to drift under your deck.



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