



## Install non-combustible (metal) leaf guards over gutters

### Why

- ▶ Reduces the chance of embers igniting leaves, pine needles, sticks, or other debris trapped in the gutters.

### How

- ▶ Use gutters and downspouts constructed of non-combustible materials like galvanized steel, copper, or aluminum.

- ▶ Install non-combustible leaf guards over gutters, using either metal mesh screens or metal hoods.

- ▶ Leaf guards may not prevent all debris from accumulating, so regularly remove any debris resting on top and verify that the leaf guard is not dislodged.

- ▶ Consult a licensed gutter company or an experienced, licensed contractor for assistance.

### How to Identify

- ▶ Check the gutters to determine if they are metal and if they have leaf guards that prevent debris buildup. The leaf guards should be made of metal mesh or have a solid cover that blocks leaves and pine needles.