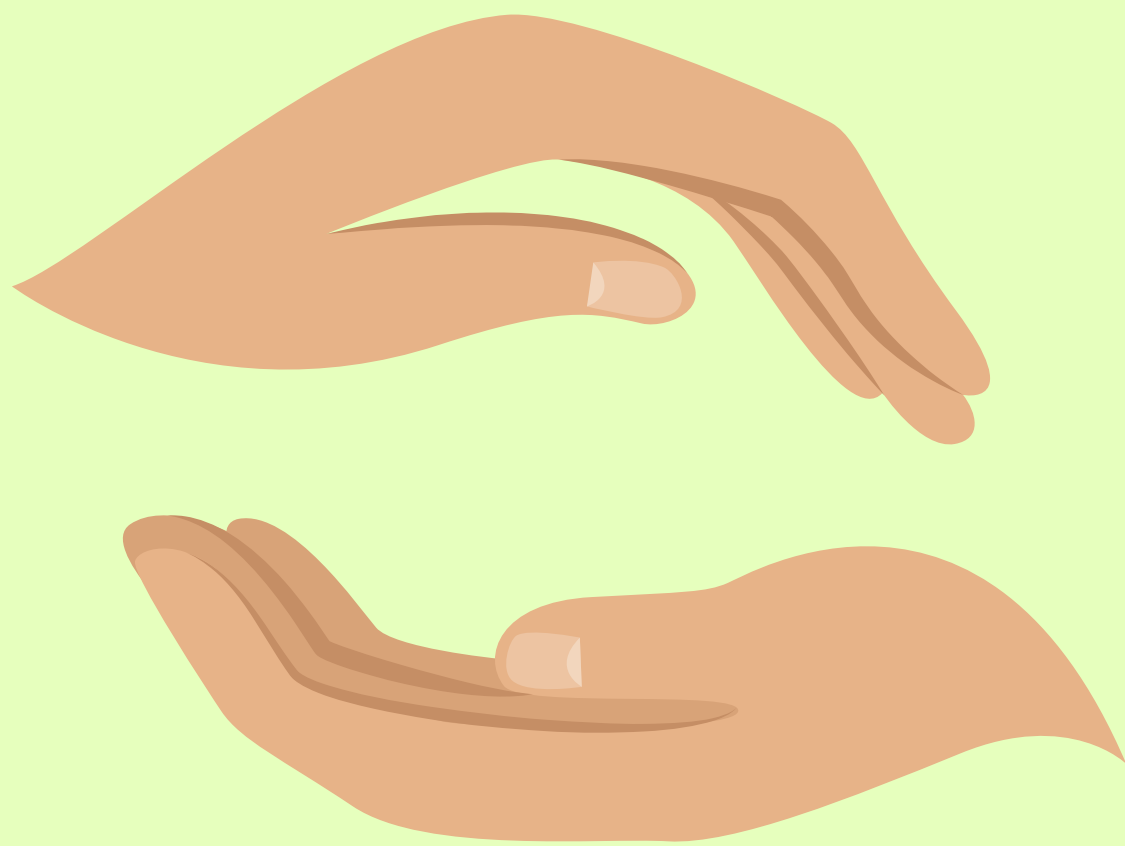


# **STRATEGIES FOR CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUR HOME**



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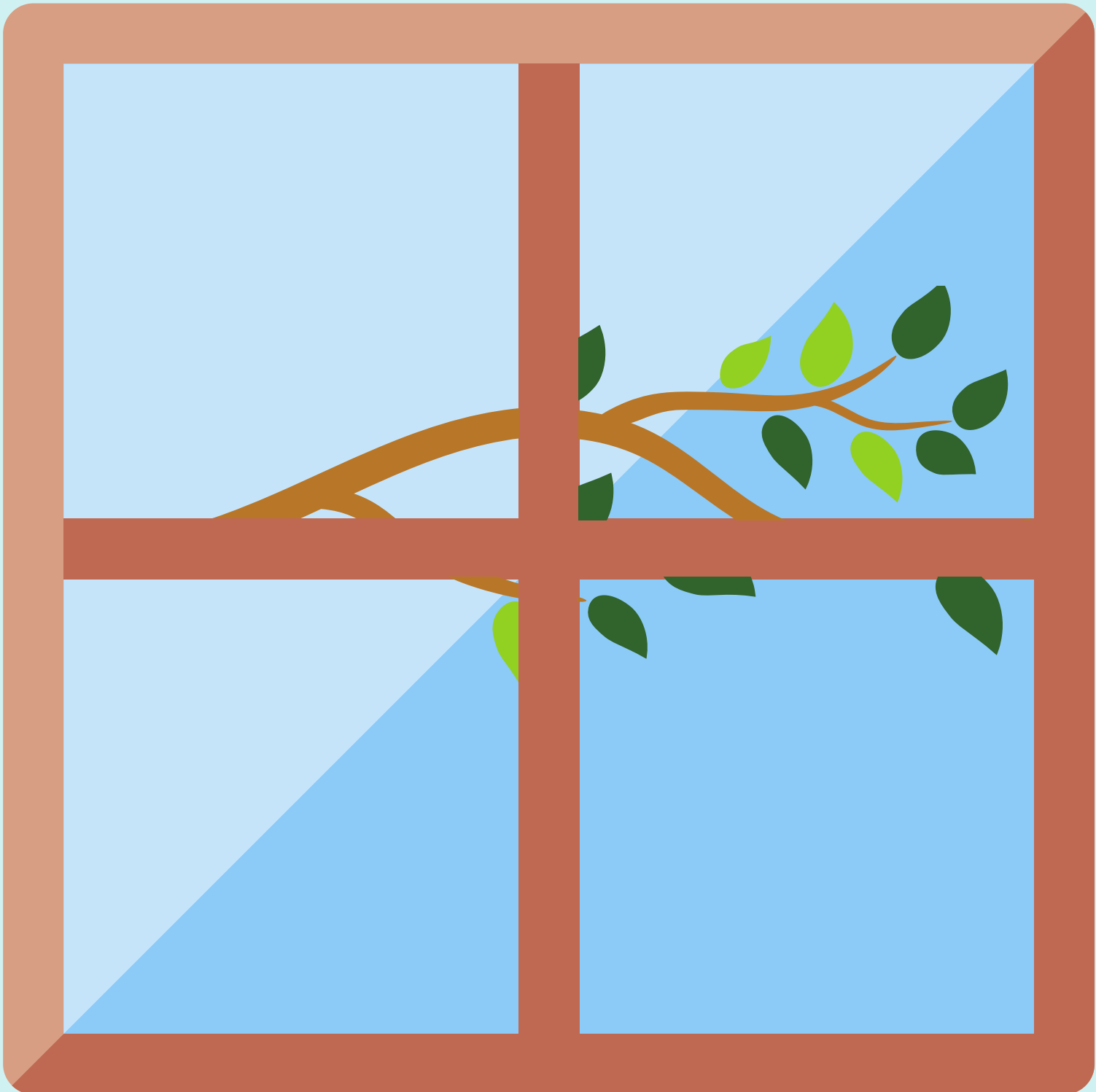
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- Regularly clean your roof, gutters, decks, and the base of walls to prevent the accumulation of flammable materials like fallen leaves and needles.



- Remove all combustible materials from underneath, on top of, or within 1.5 meters of a deck.

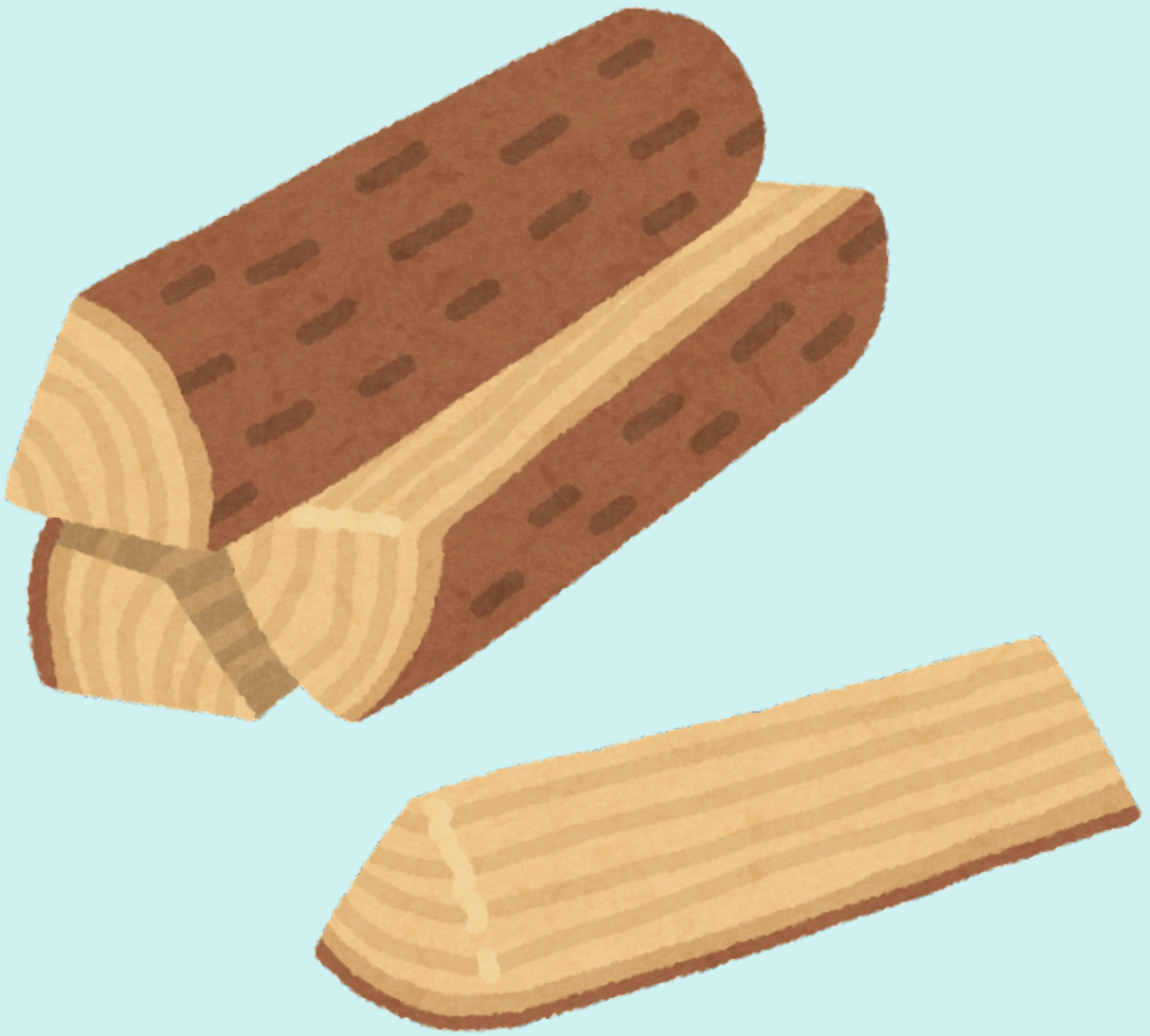
- Eliminate vegetation or other combustible materials within 1.5 meters of windows and glass doors.



- Substitute wood mulch products within 1.5 meters of all structures with noncombustible alternatives like dirt, stone, or gravel.



- Clear all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, and pine needles within 10 meters of all structures or up to the property line.



- Store exposed firewood at least 10 meters away from structures or cover it entirely with a fire-resistant material that prevents embers from penetrating. Ensure a 3-meter clearance around your wood piles.

- Keep combustible outdoor furnishings stored away from your home when not in use.



- Properly store retractable awnings and umbrellas when not in use to prevent them from collecting leaves and embers.