

BE PERSONALLY PREPARED FOR WILDFIRE

DEFENSIBLE SPACE SELF-EVALUATION

For Home/Property owner/Renter



THE KEY TO IMPROVING THE ODDS OF YOUR HOUSE SURVIVING A WILDFIRE IS THE DEFENDABILITY OF THE STRUCTURE ITSELF!

Zone 1 / Within 30' of all structures or to the property line if closer than 30'

- All branches are 10' or more from any chimney or stovepipe outlet.
- Roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairs, etc. are free from leaves, needles, or other vegetation.
- No dead or dying trees, branches, shrubs, or plants are adjacent to or overhanging buildings.
- All dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, or needles have been removed.
- All live flammable ground cover and shrubs have been removed or separated.
- All flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs have been removed.
- Relocated exposed woodpiles outside of Zone 1 or woodpile is completely covered with a fire-resistant material.

Zone 2 / Within 30'-100' of all structures or to the property line.

- Cut annual grasses and forbs (flowering weeds) down to a maximum height of 4".
- Removed fuels in accordance with guidelines for "Fuel Separation and Continuous Tree Canopies" .
- Minimum of 10' of clearance down to bare soil in all directions around all exposed wood piles.
- Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels have been removed. Loose surface litter usually consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches below max. depth of 3".
- Logs or stumps embedded in the soil have been removed or isolated from other vegetation.

Additional Concerns:

- Outbuildings and LP Gas storage tanks have 10' of minimum clearance to bare mineral soil and there is no flammable vegetation for an additional 10' around their exterior.
- Address numbers are displayed in contrasting colors (4" min. size) and readable from the street.
- Chimney and stovepipe openings are equipped with a metal screen having 3/8" to 1/2" openings.

Zone 3 / 100' from any structure to the property line.

- There are no dead trees or dead vegetation on the property. Pine needles and leaves do not exceed a max. depth of 3".
- All tree limbs within 10' of the ground have been removed, not exceeding 1/3 the height of the tree.

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