

## FIREWOOD STORAGE



## DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is the buffer between your structure and the surrounding area. Adequate defensible space acts as a barrier to slow or halt the progress of fire that would otherwise engulf your property. It also helps ensure the safety of firefighters defending your home, and our neighborhood. Defensible space is the first line of defense for your home against wildfire.

In line with local “firewise” practices, and to protect the homes in our neighborhood from wildfire, the following requirements are being put in place for Tahoe Tyrol Homeowners:

1. Clear and maintain a 10ft buffer zone around the perimeter of your property. Please remove pine needles, pinecones, dead and dying grasses, branches, leaves, weeds, and any combustible material within the 10ft buffer zone, down to the dirt at least once per year in late spring/early summer (after snow melts in buffer zone). This includes the porch, stairways, and under areas of your home. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the Tahoe Tyrol HOA hiring an outside contractor to perform this work, with associated costs being charged to the homeowner.
2. To limit the storage of personal firewood on HOA common areas, firewood should be stored within the homeowner’s property line. Firewood should be stacked a minimum of 5ft from your home (Outside of Zone 0, per SLT Defensible Space Standards) and completely covered with a high-quality, heavy-duty fire-resistant tarp that is earth-tone in color. Firewood should not be stacked in front of residence.
3. Exceptional circumstances requiring that firewood be stored outside of homeowner’s property line may be approved by Architectural Control Committee (ACC) upon written request. This will also require approval from surrounding neighbors (in line of site of proposed wood storage location).
4. Decomposed or nuisance firewood must be removed.
5. Wood (split or rounds) must be stacked neatly.
6. HOA and possibly TRPA approval must be received prior to removing any trees that may be considered a fire risk/hazard due to health of tree or proximity to residence.
7. The area between the front of the homeowner’s property and the street is an “Exclusive Access Easement” utilized for driveway and utility/water access to the home. Maintenance of this area, including defensible space requirement are the homeowner’s responsibility.

Elevated Tree Service has been contracted by TTHOA to perform forest maintenance in the HOA common areas on a yearly basis. They remove dead & unhealthy trees, enforce both vertical and horizontal space requirements for trees and shrubs, and remove branches within 10ft of ground or homeowner residences (for trees in common area’s).

The combination of HOA and Homeowner adherence to “firewise” practices will make our neighborhood safer in the event of wildfires. These actions can also help to lower homeowner insurance premiums when conveyed to the insurance provider.

Please contact the Tahoe Tyrol HOA board, or Helsing HOA management at [tahoetyrol@helsing.com](mailto:tahoetyrol@helsing.com) with any questions.