

Defensible Space Zones

IMMEDIATE ZONE:

0 to 5 feet around your home

The goal is to make this a non-combustible area.

- Create a non-combustible 5 foot border around your home
- Remove all pine needles, dead leaves and plants
- No flammable shrubs
- Replace flammable mulch with gravel or rock

INTERMEDIATE ZONE:

5 to 30 feet around your home

The goal is to reduce flammable materials near your home.

- Use fire-resistant plants and shrubs
- Use low-grow, drought-resistant grasses and keep grass mowed to 4 inches
- Remove Conifers, Junipers and Gambel Oak trees
- No shrubs or small trees underneath taller trees

EXTENDED ZONE

30 to 100 feet around your home

The goal is to reduce heat and movement of flame.

- Firewood stored at least 30 feet away from home - even further if your home is on a slope
- Reduce heavy accumulations of slash (dead branches, twigs, pine needles, etc.)
- Strategically remove flammable plants like Western Juniper, Cypress, Gambel or Scrub Oak, Pinyon Pines
- Prune limbs of trees at least 10 feet or 1/3 the height of the trees, whichever is less
- Trees should be spaced out at least 10 feet between each tree's outermost branches-even more if your home is on a steep slope
- No shrubs or small trees underneath taller trees

Fire intensity can be increased if your property has steep slopes and a dense forest. If present, you should consult with a qualified wildfire and forestry professional.

Creating Defensible Space

Your house and outbuildings are potential fuel in a wildfire. To help your home survive a wildfire, create defensible space between your home and your surroundings.



DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONES AROUND THE HOUSE

IMMEDIATE ZONE: 0 - 5 FT

INTERMEDIATE ZONE: 5 - 30 FT

EXTENDED ZONE: 30 - 100 FT