



Become Fire Safe



Fire is
Everyone's
Fight®



Benefits of a Firewise community

- Protect your home and property value
- Safeguard natural resources & wildlife habitats
- Increased sense of safety and peace of mind
- Provides a framework for action
- Learn about wildfire risks and what can be done
- Get acquainted with local firefighting staff
- Pride of accomplishments

Benefits of a Firewise community

- Pride of ownership - Firewise homes and landscapes can be attractive and welcoming
- Neighbors helping neighbors - Community building and connecting with concerned neighbors
- Access to possible funding and assistance
- Maybe someday, fire insurance companies will provide incentives

Emergency Preparedness – Get Ready!

- Prepare your home and property now
- Register for **CODE RED**® emergency notifications
- Establish Neighborhood Phone-trees
- Remember special needs neighbors
- Prepare Go Bag of essential items
- Develop evacuation plan and practice it
- Be familiar with at least two ways out to safety
- Check insurance policy & catalog your belongings
- Consider Air Ambulance Service membership

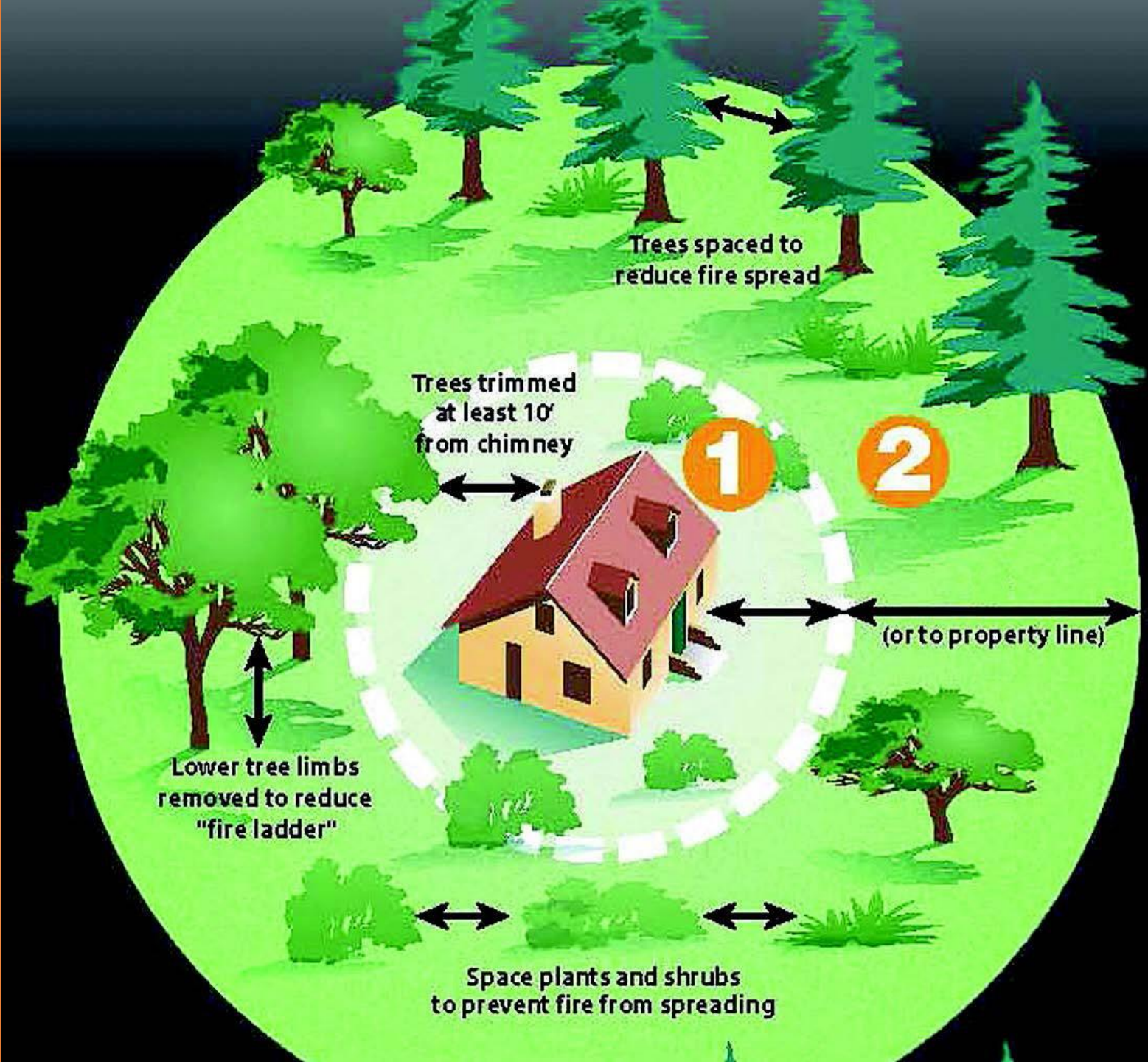
Creating Defensible Space

Remove – Reduce - Replace

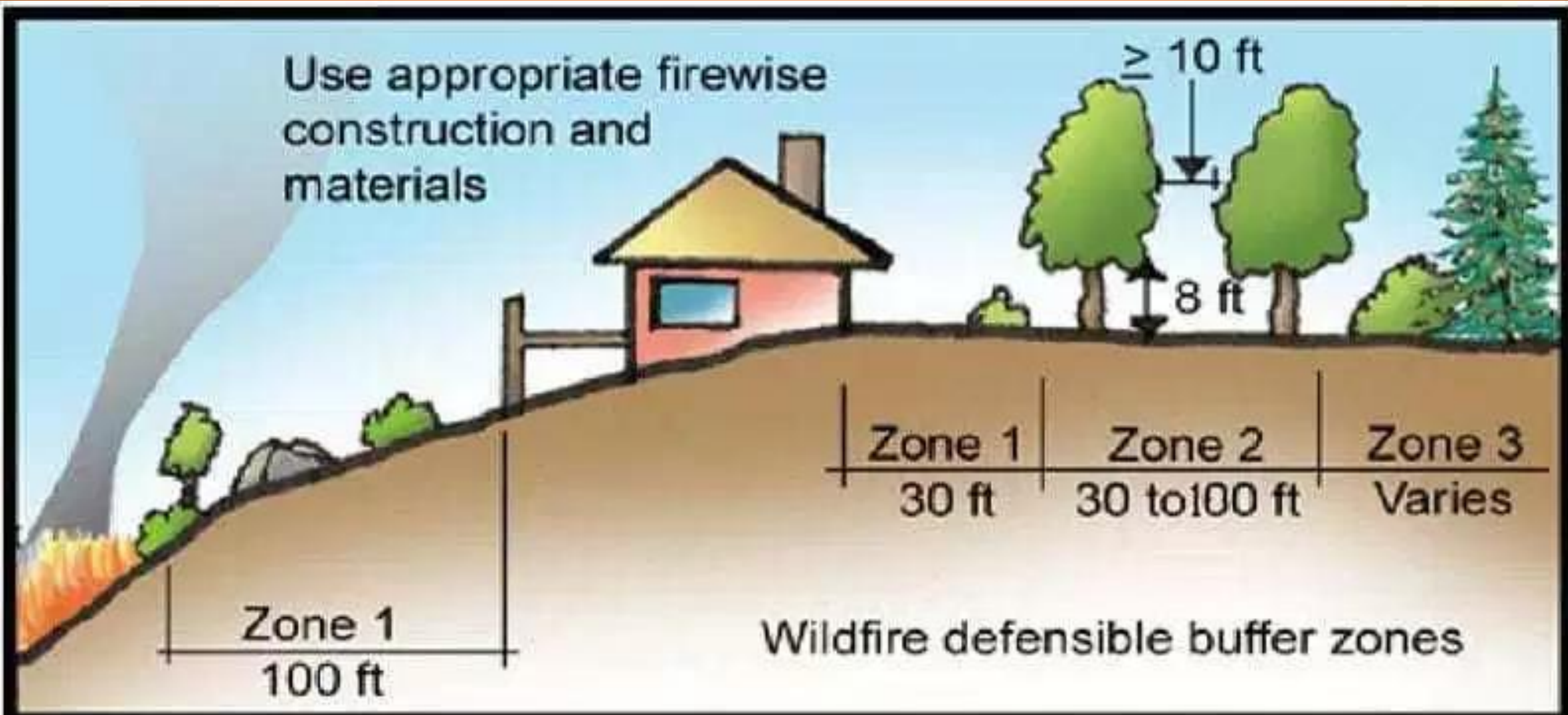
- Remove/Reduce vegetation nearest your home
- Replace flammable plants with Fire Safe ones
- Create both horizontal and vertical separation
- 0' to 5' – Nothing flammable – Hardscape
- 5' to 30' – Lean and/or Green
- 30' to 100' – Reduce fuel loads: Skirt trees and landscape in clumps

Defensible Space

You can do it!



Distances increased on Slopes



Roadways

Get 'em in
'n
let 'em out

Driveways

Minimum 10' wide
clear to 14' sides
and to 15' high

Turn-arounds

at least 12' wide and 30' long

per Resource Code Title 14 - 1273.10



Still Good Looking



and Safer

Hardening Homes

Prevent Flying Embers from igniting your house

- New WUI Building Standards
- Fire-Rated Roofs, Siding, & Decks
- Boxed Eaves & Decks
- Dual Pane Windows – One Tempered Glass
- Screen Vents with 1/8" Fine Metal Mesh
- Hardscape nearest the building
- Irrigate or Lean Fuels in Ignition Zone
- Keep Rain-gutters and roofs debris free

It can mean the difference

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Reflective
address
signs





For more information

Fire Safe Council of Nevada County



www.areyoufiresafe.com



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- Defensible Space Advisory Program
- Special Needs Assistance Program
- Scotch Broom weed wrench loans
- Green Waste Pickup Program
 - Drive-by chipping program
 - Reflective address signs
 - Fire resistant tarps