

Fire Prevention Education

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How can your home be safely defended from wildfire?

- 1. Create a defensible space: Thin out continuous tree grass and brush cover. This will reduce the ability of fires to spread from the wildland to your home.
- 2. Dispose of all limbs and debris left from thinning by either chipping, hauling away or by piling for burning in the winter.
- 3. Remove dead limbs, and other ground litter within your defensible space.
- 4. Stack firewood uphill or on a contour at least 30 feet from your home.
- 5. Mow dry grass and weeds to a height of 6 inches or less for a distance of 30 feet from your home. During the summer mow **only** during the early morning hours to reduce the start of fires from equipment.
- 6. Prune branches from trees within your defensible space to a height of 10 feet above the ground.
- 7. Clean roof and gutters of pine needles and leaves to eliminate an ignition source. Remove branches that extend over eaves of roofs. Remove branches within 15 feet of a chimney.
- 8. Reduce density of surrounding forest at least 100 feet from your home (or to the property line, whichever is closest). Thin the trees so there is a 10 foot spacing between tree branches.
- 9. Locate propane tanks at least 30 feet from structures, preferably at the same elevation as your home. Clear any flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from the tank.
- 10. Maintain your defensible space annually, by removing debris, shrubs and any other unwanted vegetation that accumulates during the year.
- 11. Make sure your address is clearly visible.
- 12. Thin vegetation on both sides of driveway to allow for emergency vehicles to safely enter your property.
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