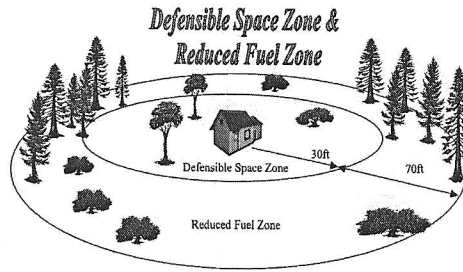




HOME-OWNER'S FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION



DURING A WILDFIRE, COULD YOUR HOME "STAND ALONE" WITHOUT FIREFIGHTER PROTECTION?

- A fast-moving fire may reach your home before firefighters arrive.
- During a large fire, more homes will be threatened than there are resources to protect them.
- Every home needing firefighter protection takes firefighters and fire engines away from putting out the fire.

As a resident and/or owner of property near or adjacent to wildland areas, you are required by California's Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4291, to maintain a defensible space around your house and other structures. Included are additional requirements under the California Fire Code (CFC), and California Building Code (CBC). Completing these items increases the chances that your home will survive a wildfire, and will reduce the danger to firefighters, neighbors, and surrounding natural resources.

The checklist below will help you determine what you need to do to comply with the law and reduce your vulnerability to the threat of wildfire.

IT'S *YOUR* PROPERTY, *YOUR* RESPONSIBILITY

PLEASE! DO YOUR PART TO KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY FIRESAFE.

Yes No

DEAD or DYING VEGETATION to be completely removed unless otherwise specified:

- A. Needles, leaves, or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways (#4) PRC 4291(a)(6)
- B. Limbs or trees adjacent to or overhanging buildings (#3) PRC 4291 (a)(5)
- C. Leaves, needles, and grass within 30 feet of all structures, including decks, stairways, etc. (#1) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- D. Trees, brush, branches and limbs 15 feet from the ground and 100 feet from all structures (#12) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- E. Logs or stumps embedded in the soil: remove OR isolate from structures and other vegetation (#13) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- F. Grass beyond 30 feet from structures: mow to max. 4 inches in height, may stay on the ground (#10) PRC 4291(a)(1)

LIVE VEGETATION to be thinned, removed or pruned:

- G. Mountain misery/bear clover within 30 feet of all structures: remove completely (#2) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- H. Mountain misery/bear clover between 30 and 100 feet of structures: prune overhanging trees to 15 feet (#11) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- I. Brush, shrubs, ground-covers, seedling/sapling trees: thin, prune, and space according to table on reverse (#17, 18, 19) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- J. Mature trees: prune at least 6 feet, more on slopes, or where there is underlying vegetation; space according to table on reverse (#9, 15, 16) PRC 4291(a)(1)

OTHER:

- K. Stove pipes, chimney outlets: remove limbs and trees within 10 feet (#5) PRC 4291(a)(4)
- L. Stove pipes, chimney outlets: cover with 1/2-inch mesh screen (#6) CFC 603.8, CFC 10, Sec. 8-10.04(b), CBC 2802.1
- M. Propane tanks: clear 10 feet around and 15 feet above (#7) CFC 3807.3
- N. Woodpiles: clear 10 feet around and 15 feet above (#8) PRC 4291(a)(1)
- O. Non-vegetative flammable material: remove or clear around and cover with fire resistant material (#14) PRC 4291(a)(1)

- **Uncorrected items may be cited and fined (up to several hundred dollars per violation).**

