

HOME SAFETY SURVEY



REDUCE YOUR VULNERABILITY TO WILDFIRE

DEFENSIBLE SPACE is a buffer around your home designed to slow the rate and intensity of an advancing wildfire and to create an open area in which firefighters can operate to protect your home. Survey your home to ensure the following:

- A minimum of 100' clearance around structures, measured on a horizontal plane, utilizing methods that will not disturb native soil or rootstock.* Plant fire-resistant vegetation.
- Clear roadways and driveways to the width of the roadway plus 10 feet.* Maintain a 15' high driveway clearance for fire engines.
- Trim mature tree branches to 6' above the ground and at least 10' away from chimneys. Install spark arrestors on chimney outlets.
- Remove firewood stored within 50' of your home. Remove all dead or dying vegetation.
- Maintain legible and clearly marked address numbers.
- Replace wood shingle roofing material with Class A fire-resistant materials.

*Call US Fish & Wildlife prior to clearing in sensitive areas (760)431-9440.



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