

WILDFIRE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND READINESS CHECKLIST

Homeowner's Self-Assessment



A.	<i>Property Access</i>	Y	N
1.	Mailbox and/or house are clearly marked with street address using 3" high reflective numbers and letters.		
2.	Driveway is at least 12 ft. wide with 15 ft. vertical clearance for emergency vehicles, and is free of obstructions.		
3.	If there is a gate, it is 2 ft. wider than the drive, opens inward, and has a key/code box if normally kept locked.		
4.	Fire engine can turn around on property or in the street.		
B.	<i>Landscaping and Vegetation</i>		
1.	All dry grass, needles and leaves are kept cleared at least a distance of 10 ft. from any structure.		
2.	From all structures the majority of native brush is cut and removed for a distance of one hundred (100) ft, or the property line as the terrain allows.		
3.	Some native brush may remain, provided the nearest branches of individual or small grouping of plants are at least 10 ft. apart.		
4.	The canopy of trees within the 100 ft. of defensible space, are raised 10 ft. from the ground or 1/3 of the tree.		
5.	Remove any portion of a tree that is dead and extends over a structure.		
C.	<i>Structure(s)</i>		
1.	Roof is constructed of fire resistive material, and is kept free of accumulations of leaves and pine needles.		
2.	Siding is constructed of fire resistive material.		
3.	Structures constructed of wood siding are well painted with quality latex paint.		
4.	Windows are dual pane with energy efficient glass to reflect heat.		
5.	Eaves are enclosed with a fire resistive material.		
6.	Attic vents and chimneys are screened (maximum 1/8 "screen) or otherwise protected.		
7.	Gutters are covered and/or clear of pine needles, leaves and any other debris.		
8.	Decks are enclosed or protected with fire resistant material and kept clear of flammable materials.		
9.	Remove that portion of any tree that extends within 10 ft. of any stovepipe or chimney.		
10.	Compost and wood piles are kept a minimum of 30 ft. from any structure		
D.	<i>Liquid Propane Tanks</i>		
1.	Immediately around and under the tank provide total clearance to the soil for a distance of not less than 5 ft.		
2.	The remaining distance shall be maintained, grass is cut to three inches in height for a distance of 10 ft.		
3.	All other flammable vegetative growth or combustible debris should be removed for at least 10 ft, so it is not over-hanging or covering the tank.		
E.	<i>Miscellaneous Items (Personal and Family Readiness)</i>		
1.	Hydrant or other water supply is nearby, marked and available.		
2.	An emergency generator is available.		
3.	Know how to shut off gas at meter or propane tank.		
3.	Own an Emergency Scanner and/or access the Town of Paradise Highway Advisory System, 1500 AM radio.		
4.	Outbuildings are equipped with accessible rakes, shovels, ladders, water buckets and hose.		
5.	Know the community evacuation plan; prepare and practice an individual/family plan.		

This checklist is provided to you as a tool to evaluate your Wildfire defensible space readiness. For questions and clarifications contact the local Fire Departments or Fire Safe Councils.

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