



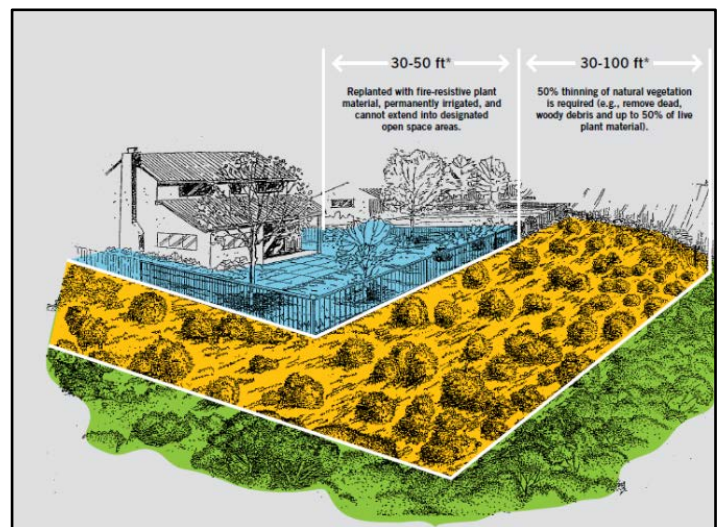
Property Review Checklist



Use the following guidelines to survey your property and make improvements before the next wildfire strikes! The Escondido Fire Department Hazard Reduction and Vegetation Clearance Standard is available to view online at www.fire.escondido.org.

- Create **100 feet** of **DEFENSIBLE SPACE/ FUEL MODIFICATION ZONE** surrounding your structures. Remove dry grass, brush, and other flammable materials around your home. Replace with **well-maintained and watered**, drought-tolerant, fire-resistive plants within the first 50 feet of the structure. Suggested landscaping plants are available at www.fire.escondido.org. The next **50 feet** of vegetation should be **thinned** so that no more than 50% of this open space is covered by plants taller than **6 inches** in height.
- All DEAD, DYING, or DISEASED TREES and SHRUBS MUST BE REMOVED!** Unfortunately, some of the vegetation, such as the *Eucalyptus*, *California Pepper*, *Oleander*, *Pine*, *Oak*, and certain *Acacia* species once considered decorative are now considered a potential fire hazard. During the drought, there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of tree and shrub mortality due to insect infestation, disease, and lack of maintenance. The dead vegetation does not hold moisture and becomes explosively flammable after a few days of dry weather. **Remove all dead and diseased vegetation within 100 feet from your home to reduce the danger!**
- Keep your **RAIN GUTTERS** and **ROOF** clean of **all combustible debris**, such as leaves and pine needles.
- TREE BRANCHES** must be trimmed back at least **10 feet** from rooftops and fireplace chimneys.
- It is recommended that **DEAD PALM FRONDS** on palm trees within **50 feet** from a structure should be removed, or **20 feet** from a roadway or private drive.
- Dispose of yard clippings, plant waste, trash, debris and other combustible materials in an appropriate manner. **NO ILLEGAL DUMPING.** This also pertains to dumping in canyons and/or open space areas.
- PROPANE TANKS** need **10 feet** clearance from combustible materials and vegetation.
- Move **WOODPILES** and **TRASHCANS** away from your home. Firewood must be neatly stacked and have a minimum of **30 feet** of clearance from a structure. When possible, trash enclosures or trashcan storage should be **10 feet** away from a structure. Remember to keep lids on all trashcans.
- COMBUSTIBLE MULCH OR WOOD CHIPS** should not be closer than **12 inches** to your home to prevent fire from being transmitted to an exterior wall.

Diagram of Defensible Space



Within 50 feet of your home, clear vegetation that is not fire resistant and re-plant with fire-resistant landscaping. In the area of 50 to 100 feet from your home, all dead and dying vegetation should be removed.