



GRASS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

All property owners are required to comply with defensible space requirements.



All requirements shall be maintained year-round, with the exception of cutting grasses and weeds to a height of 4 inches or less no later than May 1 of every year.

ZONE 0. The Ember Resistant Zone or Home Ignition Zone extends from 0 to 5 feet from any structure, attached deck, or outbuilding on the parcel. Zone 0 requires the most stringent wildfire fuel reduction. This Zone is designed to prevent fire or embers from igniting materials that can spread to the structure.

ZONE 1. The Lean, Clean, and Green Zone extends from 5 feet to 30 feet from any structure or attached deck.

ZONE 2. The Reduced Fuel Zone extends from 30 feet to 100 feet from any structure or attached deck.

UNIMPROVED PARCELS

PARCELS OF 1 ACRE OR LESS: Require the entire parcel to be mowed/cleared no vegetation/grasses above 4 inches.

PARCELS 1 TO 5 ACRE: A 30 foot defensible space zone shall be created and maintained around the entire perimeter of a parcel.

PARCELS GREATER THAN 5 ACRES: A 100 foot defensible space zone shall be created and maintained around the entire perimeter of a parcel.

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND MAINTAINED YEAR-ROUND**

ZONE 0: (0-5 feet)

- Remove all combustible ground cover, such as mulch and bark, within 2 feet of all structures.
- Create a 1-foot vertical clearance from foliage to ground for any plants within 2 feet of the structure.
- Remove ALL dead or dying trees and/or rubbish.
- Remove ALL non-irrigated brush.
- Remove or cut grasses and weeds to a height of less than 4 inches or less. ****Must be cut no later than May 1 of every year.**
- Remove all tree branches that are within 6 vertical feet of the roof.
- Trim trees to create 10 feet of clearance from the chimney outlet.
- Remove ALL dead or combustible material from trees or any other plantings.
- Remove all material, such as branches, leaves, and needles, from the roof and gutters. This needs to be redone on a periodic basis.
- Trim trees to create 6 feet of vertical spacing between branches or foliage and ground.

ZONE 1: (5-30 feet)

- Remove ALL dead or dying trees and/or rubbish.
- Remove or cut grasses and weeds to a height of less than 4 inches or less. ****Must be cut no later than May 1 of every year.**
- Trim trees to create 6 feet of vertical spacing between branches or foliage and ground.
- Remove ALL non-irrigated brush.
- Maintain 10 feet of bare mineral soil around Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks, firewood, lumber, or other Combustible Material.

ZONE 2: (30-100 feet)

- Remove ALL dead or dying trees and/or rubbish.
- Remove or cut grasses and weeds to a height of less than 4 inches or less. ****Must be cut no later than May 1 of every year.**
- Trim trees to create 6 feet of vertical spacing between branches or foliage and ground.
- Remove ALL non-irrigated brush.
- Coverings over a pile of lumber or firewood must be constructed or made of fire-resistant material.
- Maintain 10 feet of bare mineral soil around liquid propane gas (LPG) storage tanks, firewood, lumber, or other combustible material.

****Annual Grasses and Weeds must be cut to 4 inches or less no later than May 1 of every year.**

ROADSIDE VEGETATION

- Maintain tree foliage, branches, and trunks to provide a minimum 15-foot vertical clearance above the entire roadway or driveway.
- Remove any hazardous vegetation located within 3 horizontal feet of the roadway.