

Protect your home from fire

When your property is in a State Responsibility Area next to a mountain area or lands covered by forests, brush, grass or other flammable materials, you're required to keep at least 100 feet of defensible space around your property.

"Lean, Clean and Green Zone"

Depending on your county, you need to keep at least 30 feet of defensible space directly around your home by removing:

- dead plants, grass and weeds;
- dead or dry leaves and pine needles;
- vegetation hidden beneath decks; and
- limbs within 10 feet of the chimney.

The "Reduced Fuel Zone"

For the remaining 70 feet extending to the edge of the property, stick to these spacing rules for horizontal shrubs:

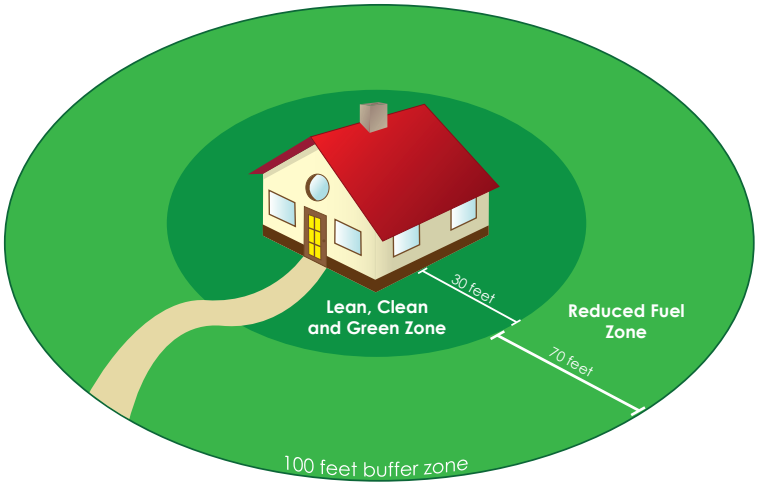
- 2 times their height on a flat to mild slope (less than 20%);
- 4 times their height on a mild to moderate slope (20-40%); and
- 6 times their height on a moderate to steep slope (greater than 40%).

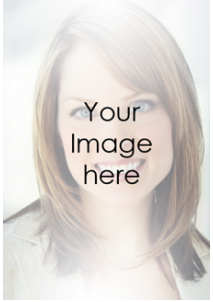
Trees must be spaced:

- 10 feet apart on a flat to mild slope (less than 20%);
- 20 feet apart on a mild to moderate slope (20-40%); and
- 30 feet apart on a moderate to steep slope (greater than 40%).

Mow grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches and remove fallen debris such as cones and small branches.

You do not need to feel overwhelmed about your property's fire safety needs. When you consider buying or selling property in a State Responsibility Area, give me a call!





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