



# PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRES

## WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

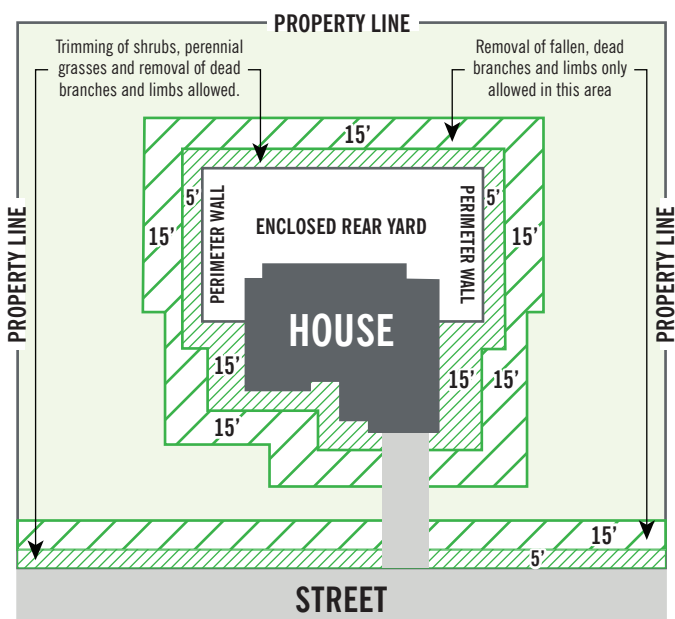
Defensible space refers to that area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and to provide an opportunity for structural protection without risking homeowner or firefighter lives.

Homeowners and contractors should create a well-maintained, live vegetation zone to prevent damage to structures in case of wildland fires. Defensible Space acts as a fire break, and should contain only small brush, cacti and trees to prevent a continuous path of flammable materials leading to inhabited structures.

## SPECIFIC PREVENTATIVE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Maintain a 20-foot zone out from the rear and side yard fences around your home. Thin dead and fallen vegetation, perennial grasses and overgrown bushes; remove dead branches and/or branches touching the ground; and all invasive plants within this 20-foot area. Your back yard is considered 10 feet of the 30-foot Defensible Space noted in the diagram.

	HOMES	WALLS & STREETS
Trim live Vegetation	15 feet	5 feet
Remove Dead Vegetation	15 feet	15 feet
Total Defensible Dimensions	30 feet	20 feet





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## TOP TIPS FOR FIRE PREVENTION

- Consistently monitor defensible space for maximum fire prevention
- Remove flash fuels such as dead grass (however do not remove live native plants)
- Trim trees within the 30 foot defensible space so the canopy is not touching the ground; remove any dead branches or leaves
- Trim grass and foliage around trees
- Keep gutters, eaves and roof clear of leaves and other debris
- Do not stack wood or other flammable materials within the 30 foot defensible space
- Keep a rolled up garden hose with a nozzle attached to an outside hose valve connection
- No smoking is allowed near dry brush

**LOOKS FOR SIGNS THAT INDICATE THE FIRE DANGER LEVEL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**FIRE DANGER LEVELS ARE OFTEN ELEVATED IN EARLY SPRING.**

## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO CHANGING LEVELS ARE:

Volume and moisture of materials • Single-Digit Humidity Levels  
Triple Digit Temperatures • High Winds

**LOW**

**MODERATE**

**HIGH**

**VERY HIGH**

**EXTREME**



*If you have any questions about the Fire Danger Level in your area, call Glendale Fire Department at 623-930-4400 or scan the QR code.*