



Fire Hazard Reduction Program

Wildfires strike Ventura County every year. It's not a matter of if your home is at risk, but when. Dead trees, poorly maintained properties and dry brush greatly increase the risk of fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires.

The Ventura County Fire Department's *Fire Hazard Reduction Program (FHRP)* reminds homeowners and property managers to clear brush away from nearby buildings and maintain 100 feet of defensible space. This provides a buffer zone for firefighters to operate in the event that a home or property is threatened.

Each year, thousands of parcels receive fire hazard clearance notices, with a compliance deadline of June 1. Following completion, parcels are inspected and approved by Ventura County Fire. The goal of this nationally recognized program is to protect your family, home and property.

Ventura County firefighters and fire inspectors are available to work with you. For more information, call your local VCFD fire station or contact our FHRP Unit for any defensible space or weed abatement ordinance questions.



*Annual
Fire Hazard
Clearance
Deadline is
JUNE 1st*



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Protect Your Home Against
Wildfire

*You can make
a difference!*



EXAMPLE OF Proper Defensible Space:

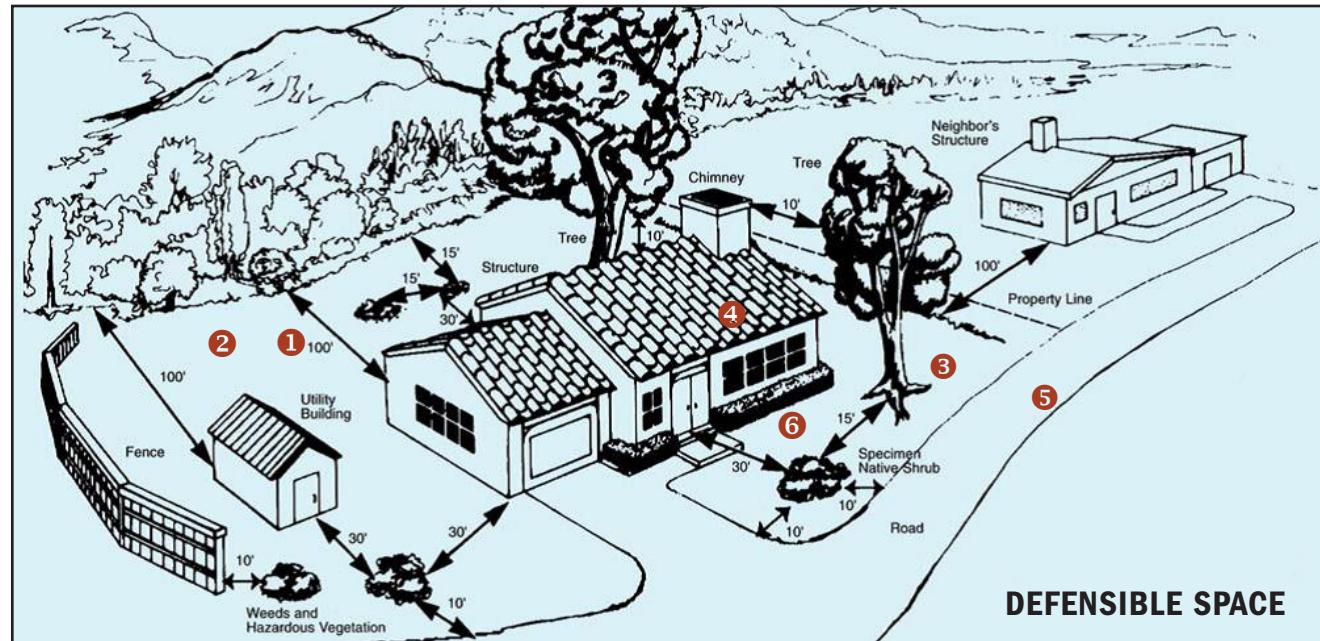


BEFORE



AFTER

PROPER PLANTING NEAR HOMES



Defensible Space refers to a clearance area designed to protect your family, home and property from a wildfire. This creates a buffer zone between a building and the vegetation surrounding it to help slow or stop the spread of wildfire. It's your best line of defense against a brush fire and protects firefighters when defending your property.

Requirements for creating 100 feet of defensible space:

- ① Remove all dead plants, leaves, grass and weeds within the 100 foot zone.
- ② Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 3 inches.
- ③ Trim trees and shrubs regularly to keep foliage 5 feet from the ground, a minimum of 3 feet above roofs and 10 feet away from chimneys.
- ④ Remove leaves, pine needles or shrubs from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- ⑤ Keep access roads clear for emergency equipment. Trees and shrubs shall be maintained with a minimum 10 foot brush clearance on each side of the traveled roadway.
- ⑥ Consider removing flammable plants such as cypress, palms, pampas grass, junipers, eucalyptus, and pines. Look for fire-resistant plants and drought tolerant landscaping.

• *100 feet of defensible space is required by California law. • Additional protection levels may be required in high risk areas.*

BE FIRE SMART, DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN

Preparing for a wildfire starts with three simple steps: **Ready, Set, Go!**
Download a guide to protect your home and family.

Visit VCFD.org for more additional requirements to ensure your home is compliant with local and state laws.