



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**



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Protect Your Home Against  
**Wildfire**

*You can make  
a difference!*





## A photograph showing a dirt road or driveway that is almost completely blocked by a dense thicket of green bushes and trees. The vegetation is lush and overgrown. To the right, a portion of a building with a corrugated metal roof is visible. The ground is dry and dusty. The word "BEFORE" is written in large, bold, white capital letters in the bottom right corner.

# PROPER PLANTING NEAR HOMES

The diagram shows a residential structure with a chimney, surrounded by various landscape elements. Key features and distances are labeled:

- Structure:** The main house with a chimney.
- Chimney:** Located on the roof of the structure.
- Tree:** Several trees are shown, with distances of 10' and 15' from the structure.
- Utility Building:** A small building near the main structure, with a 30' distance from the main structure.
- Fence:** A fence line is shown, with a 100' distance from the structure.
- Weeds and Hazardous Vegetation:** Areas of low vegetation are marked with distances of 10' and 30' from the structure.
- Specimen Native Shrub:** A shrub is shown with a 15' distance from the structure.
- Road:** A road is shown with a 10' distance from the structure.
- Neighbor's Structure:** A neighboring house is shown with a 100' distance from the main structure.
- Property Line:** The boundary between the main property and the neighbor's property.

The diagram is labeled **DEFENSIBLE SPACE** in the bottom right corner.

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE

### Requirements for creating 100 feet of defensible space:

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

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.