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NEWS RELEASE

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Ventura County Fire Reminds the Public to Clear Brush Ahead of Fire Season

CAMARILLO, Calif. – Thousands of letters have been sent to homeowners and property managers reminding Ventura County to clear 100 feet of brush away from properties by June 1, 2020.

More than 18,500 parcels will receive [Fire Hazard Reduction Program \(FHRP\)](#) notices advising people to remove dry brush near open land where wildfires may occur.

This year, to maintain the health and safety of personnel and residents due to COVID-19, notices will include updated information about our efforts to maintain all social distancing requirements in support of the [Ventura County Health Officer's "Stay Well at Home Order"](#) and in compliance with the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) safety guidelines.

[Ventura County Fire](#) requires homeowners and property managers to clear brush away from nearby buildings and maintain 100 feet of defensible space. Dead trees, poorly maintained properties and dry brush greatly increases the risk of fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires.

[FHRP](#) is designed to minimize fire danger by controlling the density and placement of flammable vegetation. It not only helps protect Ventura County, but also provides a buffer zone for firefighters to operate should a wildfire threaten a home or property. To find out if a parcel has been approved, visit www.VCFHRP.org.

For more information about how to better prepare your home and property before a wildfire occurs, download a [Ready, Set, Go! Brochure](#), in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

For additional information on the [Fire Hazard Reduction Program](#), call (805) 389-9759 or send an email to fhrp@ventura.org.

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