



FIRE-SAFE LANDSCAPING



Due to the ongoing drought, this fire season is expected to be quite severe and long-lasting. Fire seasons typically last from June until winter rains begin, but recent seasons have lasted as long as 24 months at a time. The state and many municipalities have specific provisions for designated Very High Risk areas (view maps at fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fire_prevention_wildland_zones_maps.php), but all property owners should follow these basic guidelines, especially for properties adjacent to natural areas.

THINK LEAN, CLEAN & GREEN

LEAN: Small amounts of flammable vegetation

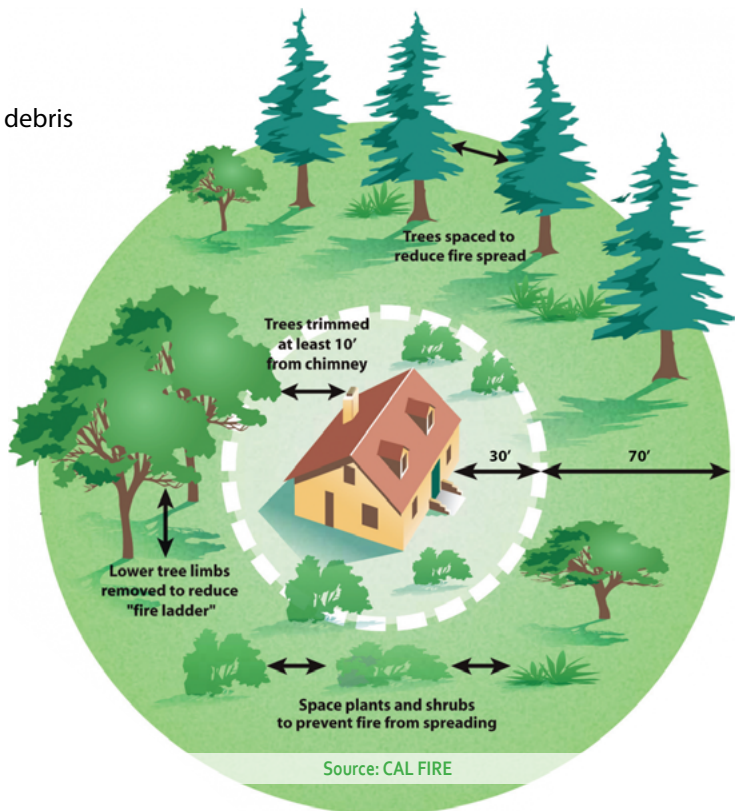
CLEAN: No accumulation of dead vegetation or other flammable debris

GREEN: Plants are healthy and green during the fire season

ZONE 1: HOME DEFENSE

A 30' area around the home that stops fires from spreading to structures and gives space to fight fires. Increase distance for properties with >20% slope.

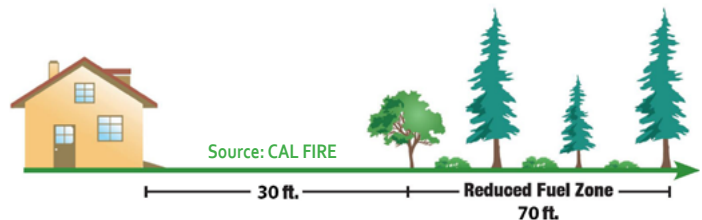
- Create a firebreak by taking down and clearing away all combustible plant growth. Single specimens of trees or other vegetation may be retained provided they are far apart and well pruned.
- Remove branches that hang over your roof.
- Relocate wood piles to Zone 2.
- Use fire-wise plant material when possible.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs that are near windows. Remove vegetation that could catch fire from around decks, patio furniture, swingsets and other flammable items.
- Maintain trees over driveways to provide appropriate clearance for your local fire agency's emergency vehicles.



ZONE 2: REDUCED FUEL

An area outside Zone 1, extending at least 100' from structures that prevents the spread of fires.

- Remove lower limbs of trees to at least 6' and up to 15' (or the lower 1/3 branches for small trees). Properties with greater fire hazards, such as steeper slopes or in high risk areas, will require pruning heights in the upper end of this range.
- Space trees and shrubs based on height and slope. See bofdata.fire.ca.gov/PDF/Copyof4291finalguidelines9_29_06.pdf for detailed guidelines.



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Additional Resources:

Guidelines including fire-wise plants and sizing zone 1: firesafesonoma.org/main/sites/default/files/living_with_fire.pdf

CAL FIRE recommendations: readyforwildfire.org

Home Landscaping for Fire: firecenter.berkeley.edu/docs/CE_homelandscaping.pdf