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## Defensible Space

By taking a few simple steps you can create a defensible space around your home. Doing so will greatly reduce the likelihood of a wildfire damaging your home.

Defensible space is an area surrounding your home where the vegetation, and sometimes the structure itself, has been modified in order to separate



the “fuels” that a wildfire feeds from. This is designed to achieve three purposes.

1. Allow firefighters room to operate
2. Stop the fire from spreading to your home.
3. Give your home the ability to survive a wildfire on it's own.

## Vegetation Modifications

1. Have your address visible and access well marked with letters or numbers of at least 3 inches.
2. Maintain a well irrigated circumference of at least 30 feet around your home.
3. Keep areas surrounding your home mowed to approximately 2 inches or less.
4. Relocate woodpiles at least 30 feet away from your home.
5. Keep gutters clear of leaves and other debris.
6. Rake leaves, grass and other debris and remove them from your yard.
7. Check your driveway for adequate access for emergency vehicles.
8. Maintain mowed areas around vehicles or other equipment.
9. Store, gas, oil and other chemicals away from your home.

## Structural Modifications

1. Use fire resistive building materials, especially the roof.
2. Install chimney screens or spark arrestors.



3. Enclose foundations and roof/fattic openings to prevent embers from entering.
4. Develop external water-sources near your home.
5. Protect windows and glass doors with fire resistant drapes.
6. Operate barbecue grills in areas away from combustible materials.