



MAKING YOUR HOME WILDFIRE READY IN 2011

2003 Cedar Fire -San Diego County

Preventing vegetation fires is a year-round responsibility of all fire district property owners. Use the following guidelines to survey your property and make improvements before the next wildfire strikes. Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District vegetation management/hazard removal requirements can be found in their entirety in Ordinance 2004-002 and 2011-01. This document is available to view at www.rsf-fire.org.

- Create 100 feet of DEFENSIBLE SPACE surrounding your structure. Plant drought-tolerant, fire-resistive trees, shrubs and plants within the first 50 feet of the structure. Fire-resistive tree and plant lists are available on the district's website. The next 50 feet of vegetation should be thinned out 50% and all dead plant material should be removed. Maintain weeds and grasses at a height of 6 inches.
- Thin out and remove combustible native vegetation and flammable materials within 30-feet of new roadways and driveways and 20 feet from existing roadways/driveways. If desired re-plant with fire-resistive landscaping that is permanently irrigated.
- All dead, dying, or diseased trees must be removed. Native vegetation and tree branches must be trimmed back at least 10-feet from rooftops, chimneys and outdoor barbecues.
- Remove dead palm fronds on Palm Trees within 100 feet from a structure or 30 feet from a roadway/driveway.
- All roadways shall have a minimum height of 13-feet, 6-inches of vertical clearance free of vegetation within the roadway area. This also pertains to low shrubs or bushes which encroach into the roadway.
- Regularly remove combustible debris (leaves, pine needles, etc.) from rooftops and rain gutters.
- Dispose of yard clippings, plant waste, trash, debris and other combustible materials in an appropriate manner. **NO ILLEGAL DUMPING.** This also pertains to dumping in canyons and/or open space areas.
- Combustible materials must be kept at least 10-feet away from propane (LPG) tanks. Firewood shall be neatly stacked and have a minimum of 30-feet of clearance around the entire firewood stack and 30-feet from structures.
- A numerical address must be prominently displayed from the street. Address must be at least 4-inches in height and mounted on a contrasting background. ***Lot numbers are not appropriate.***
- If applicable, private gates must be equipped with an approved fire district gate access switch or strobe sensor. A Knox switch application may be obtained at the Fire District headquarters.
- Combustible ground cover (mulch, wood chips, etc.) shall not be closer than 12 inches to any structure.
- Trash enclosures or trash can storage should be 10 feet away from any structure
- Small storage buildings shall be located at least 20 feet from any other structure.

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