# Notice of Defensible Space Inspection

A fire department representative has inspected your property for fire hazards. You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine.

**Owner/Tenant:**

**Inspection No.** 1 2 3 4

**Inspector Name:**

**Contact Number:**

**Zone 1 / Within 30 feet of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):**

- **A.** Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(4) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- **B.** Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc. pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(6) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- **C.** Remove all dead and dying trees, branches and shrubs or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(5) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- **D.** Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- **E.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(1) and BOF General Guidelines item 1.
- **F.** Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to or below combustible decks, balconies, and stairs, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4).
- **G.** Relocate exposed wood piles outside of Zone1 unless completely covered in a fire resistive material, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3).

**Zone 2 / Within 30-100 feet of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):**

- **H.** Cut annual grasses and forbs to a maximum of 4 inches in height, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(B).
- **I.** Remove fuels in accordance with the Fuel Separation or Continuous Tree Canopy guidelines (see back), pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 4.
- **J.** All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of ten feet (10 feet) clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(C).

**Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone / Within 100 feet of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):**

- **L.** Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation, pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 3.

**Other Requirements:**

- **M.** Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have ten feet (10 ft.) of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional ten feet (10 ft.) around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- **N.** Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4” min. size) and readable from the street or access road, pursuant to 2013 CFC § 505.1.
- **O.** Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, pursuant to 2013 CBC § 2113.9.2.

**Comments:**

**Important:** All violations marked must be addressed by the owner/tenant within 30 days of the inspection date. A reinspection of the property will occur after the 30-day compliance timeframe.

**Know The Law Be Fire Smart**

100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE IS REQUIRED UNDER THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) 4291. CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE CHAPTER 7A REQUIRES CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR HOMES IN WILDLAND AREAS. BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE YOUR HOME IS COMPLIANT WITH THE LAW.

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VERTICAL SPACING

Eliminate opportunities for a vertical “fire ladder” by:
• Remove branches beneath large trees for a 6 foot minimum clearance.
• Create proper vertical spacing between shrubs and the lowest branches of trees by using the formula shown.

HORIZONTAL SPACING

The spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is crucial to reduce the spread of wildfire. The spacing needed is determined by the type and size of the shrubs and trees, as well as the slope of the land. For example, a property on a steep slope with larger plant life will require greater spacing between trees and shrubs than a level property that has small, sparse vegetation.

Fire-safe landscaping

Fire-safe landscaping isn’t necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. Fire-safe landscaping uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home.

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