



Defensible Space is Your Responsibility



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2007 Above Normal Fire Danger!

Homes located next to vegetation must have either defensible space or a fuel modification program. Defensible space is a clear or sparsely planted area around your home. Fuel modification zones, required for most home built after 1980, are buffer areas between homes and flammable vegetation. By maintaining these fuel breaks, you are protecting you home and you are providing firefighters with a place to take a stand.

Clear a Defensible Space

- 🔥 Clear flammable vegetation 30 feet from any structure.
- 🔥 Thin vegetation within 70 feet; replace with fire resistant plants.
- 🔥 Clear dead leaves and needles from roof and rain gutters.
- 🔥 Space trees and shrubs at least 10 feet apart.
- 🔥 Relocate woodpiles or other combustible materials at least 30 feet from any structure.
- 🔥 Maintain a clear space of 10 feet around propane gas tanks.

Fuel Modification

Fire-resistant plants can act as a firebreak and protect your home. The following is just a small list of fire resistant plants/shrubs:

- Aloe Vera
- Bird of Paradise
- Bougainvillea
- Cape Honeysuckle
- Citrus Trees
- English Ivy
- Ice Plant
- Indian Hawthorne
- Mondo Grass
- Prickly Pear
- Rosemary
- Star Jasmine
- Verbena
- Wild Strawberry

For a complete list of plants, fuel modification requirements, proper spacing, and maintenance information, call the Orange County Fire Authority at (714) 573-6100.



Harden the House

- 🔥 Install a ½-inch mesh screen over your chimney.
- 🔥 Remove branches within ten feet of the chimney.
- 🔥 Install a ¼-inch mesh screen over attic vents.
- 🔥 Select non-combustible roof and enclose all eaves.
- 🔥 Make sure your address number is visible from the street.
- 🔥 Consider installing residential fire sprinklers and dual pane glass.
- 🔥 Contact your local building official for assistance.

For More Information:

www.oes.ca.gov
www.firesafecouncil.org
www.firewise.org
www.ready.gov
www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland
www.fire.ca.gov
www.edis.ca.gov
www.usfa.gov
www.nfpa.org

Stop the Start of a Wildfire

Through the cooperative efforts of the OCFA, State and Federal fire service agencies, law enforcement, property owners, and community groups, we can save lives and property.

- 🔥 To report suspicious activity, call Police or the **OCFA Arson Tip Line at (800) 540-8282**.
- 🔥 Keep an eye on children, who cause a large percentage of preventable fires.
- 🔥 Do not use fireworks in wildland areas - they are illegal.
- 🔥 Use extreme caution with BBQ's, welders, fireplaces, smoking materials, and open flames.
- 🔥 Do not park cars in tall grass. The hot catalytic converter can ignite dry plant materials.
- 🔥 Spark arresters are required on gasoline, diesel, and propane-powered engines.
- 🔥 For fire danger levels and allowable activities in the Cleveland National Forest, call (619) 593-2183 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/ and click on Fire & Aviation.

**Join the Canyon Clean
Sweep June 2-3 & 9-10.
For information, call
(714) 573-6059.**

***Compliance
officers will be
in wildland
interface areas
May 1-31.***



This hardened home stands alone after a fire destroyed 365 neighboring homes. This home survived by clearing heavy vegetation from the slope as well as having non-combustible roof and siding.