

# HOW TO MAKE MY HOME SAFE CHECKLIST

*(Have all the items completed prior to the fire department's inspection for your insurance company.)*

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## TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

**Create a Lean, Clean and Green Zone - *An area of 30 feet immediately surrounding your home.***

- Remove all flammable vegetation and any dead or dying plants within 30 feet of each building or structure.
- You may keep single trees or other vegetation that are trimmed of all dead and dying foliage and are well-pruned and maintained.

**Decrease Fuel in the Reduced Fuel Zone - *The fuel reduction zone in the remaining 70 feet (or to the property line, whichever is closer)***

- Remove surface litter so it does not exceed a depth of 3 inches. Surface litter consists of fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, pods, small branches, etc.
- Clear debris from roof, eaves and rain gutters.
- Trim tree limbs that are within 10 feet of chimneys and/or stovepipes.
- Trim dead tree limbs hanging over the building(s).
- Trim tree limbs so they are at least 6 feet from the ground. This does **not** include ornamental trees within the 30 foot "defensible space".
- Protect all chimney outlets or flues with a 1/2-inch mesh metal screen.
- Post address numbers (4" min.) so they are visible from the street.
- Provide a vertical clearance of 15 feet and a minimum width clearance of 12 feet on the driveway.
- Stack woodpiles at least 30 feet from buildings, fences and other combustible materials.
- Clear all vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath your deck. Enclose undersides of elevated decks with fire resistive materials.

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