HOW TO MAKE MY HOME SAFE CHECKLIST

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

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.

(Date completed) (Homeowner’s signature)