



CAL FIRE/Napa County Fire
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DEFENSIBLE SPACE SELF-INSPECTION FORM

Napa County Code chapter 8.36 and the Napa County Defensible Space Guidelines set forth defensible space requirements for properties in the unincorporated areas of Napa County and Town of Yountville. The defensible space requirements apply to structures and undeveloped lots and declares that parcels that do not meet the requirements constitute a public nuisance.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner(s):

Address of inspected property:

Owners phone number or email:

"Defensible space" means the area around a structure within a 100-foot radius or to the property line, whichever is less, in which combustible vegetation and other prohibited materials must be treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread of fire to and from the structure. Distances may be increased by the enforcement officer based on site-specific analysis of local conditions.

Pyrophytic Species: means fire-prone vegetation that is adapted to or that contributes to rapid burning, high heat output, and ember creation. This includes brush species that are highly flammable and burn with an oily heat and any vegetation that has a strong odor when crushed, has a resinous, gummy sap, or has oils that volatilize and burn readily. These species include, but are not limited to, the following:

Shrubs: Chamise, Greasewood, Manzanita, Sagebrush, Coyote Brush, Giant Chinquapin, California Buckwheat, Chaparral Pea, Scrub Oak, Black Sage, Huckleberry.

Trees: Sargent Cypress, Tan Oak, Coulter Pine, Knobcone Pine, Monterey Pine, Douglas Fir, California Bay.

Ecological Weeds: Acacia, Jubata Grass, Pampas Grass, Scotch Broom, French Broom, Eucalyptus, Fountain Grass, Gorse.

Exotic Plants: Firs, Bamboo, Cedars, False Cypress, Junipers, Larch, Japanese Honeysuckle, Palm, Spruces, Pines, Rosemary, Yew, Arborvitae, Hemlock.

Zone 1: 30 Feet from Structure

- a. Remove all branches within 10 feet of chimneys and stovepipe outlets.
- b. Remove leaves, needles, and vegetation from roofs, gutters, decks, porches, and stairways.
- c. Remove all dead and dying trees, branches and shrubs, or other plants adjacent to or overhanging a structure.
- d. Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8" inch or 1/2 inch.
- e. Remove all pyrophytic plant species.



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- f. Single specimens of trees (that are not considered pyrophytic) are required to be well spaced to 10 feet from each other and 6 feet of vertical clearance from the ground.
- g. When shrubs or below tree canopies, vertical clearance from plans or shrubs shall be increased as to provide a minimum separation of 4 feet.
- h. Loose surface fuels shall be permitted to a maximum of 3 inches.
- i. Remove all exposed woodpiles and downed logs or stumps.
- j. Cut and maintain all annual grasses to 4'' inches or less in height.
- k. Shrubs and plants shall have a minimum separation of 3 feet from each other.
- l. All dead and dry vegetation shall be removed.

Zone 2: 30 Feet from Structure to a minimum of 100 Feet from Structure

- m. Cut and maintain all annual grasses to 4'' inches or less in height.
- n. Remove all surface fuels that are greater than 4'' inches in height.
- o. Cut and remove low hanging branches and ensure that all trees have a minimum of 6 feet of vertical clearance from the ground.
- p. When shrubs or below tree canopies, vertical clearance from plans or shrubs shall be increased as to provide a minimum separation of 4 feet.
- q. Cut branches to ensure that all tree canopies have a minimum of 10 feet of horizontal clearance from each other.
- r. Shrubs and plants shall have a minimum separation of 3 feet from each other.
- s. Remove all dead and dry vegetation.

Additional Requirements:

- t. All undeveloped lots that are 1 acre or less in size shall be fully abated.
- u. All developed and undeveloped lots regardless of size are required to provide a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space to all neighboring structures. *(When a structure is less than 100 feet from a property line and prohibited materials on an adjacent parcel present a fire hazard for the structure, the property owner of the adjacent parcel where the fire hazard exists shall be responsible for clearing the area on that owner's parcel that is within one hundred feet of the structure, so as to provide the necessary fire protection in the manner and to the extent required by the Napa County Defensible Space Guidelines.)*
- v. All fire water supply infrastructure shall have defensible space of a minimum of 100 feet.

Recommendations:

- Remove any combustible outdoor furniture.
- Replace jute or fiber doormats with fire resistant materials.
- Remove or relocate all combustible materials including garbage and recycling containers.
- Clean all fallen leaves and needles regularly.
- Use only inorganic, non-combustible mulches such as stone or gravel.



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