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## Hazardous Fuel Inspections

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Dear Property owner,

Fire season is just around the corner. As we move into the summer months CAL FIRE/Napa County Fire will be inspecting for hazardous vegetation throughout Napa County. The reason we are doing the inspections is to ensure homeowners and lot owners have the required vegetation clearances. With proper vegetation management in place you can reduce the possibility of structure loss and as a group create a fire resilient neighborhood. Below we have listed some of the most common items we will be inspecting.

- 100 feet of defensible space is required around all structures regardless of property line. The first 30-foot radius around the structure should have grasses cut to four inches or lower, no dead vegetation, dead or dry leaves or pine needles and vegetation under decks that could be hazardous. The remaining 100 feet should have reduced vegetation by cutting annual grass to lower than four inches and reducing horizontal and vertical spacing of the vegetation.
- Unimproved lots less than one acre shall have annual grasses cut to four inches or lower of the remaining stalks of the vegetation and tree limbs are to be limbed up six feet from the ground.
- Hazardous vegetation such as leaves and pine needles shall be removed from the roof and gutters of structures.
- Tree limbs are to be removed if they are within 10 feet of a chimney.
- Dead limbs that are hanging over a structure's roof line need to be removed away from the structure.

\*All items listed above are referenced from the Napa County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8.36

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/DocumentCenter/View/825/Defensible-Space-Guidelines-PDF>

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Defensible-Space/>

Thank you for the assistance in keeping our community fire safe. If you have any questions, please call the Napa County Fire Marshal's Office at (707)-299-1464

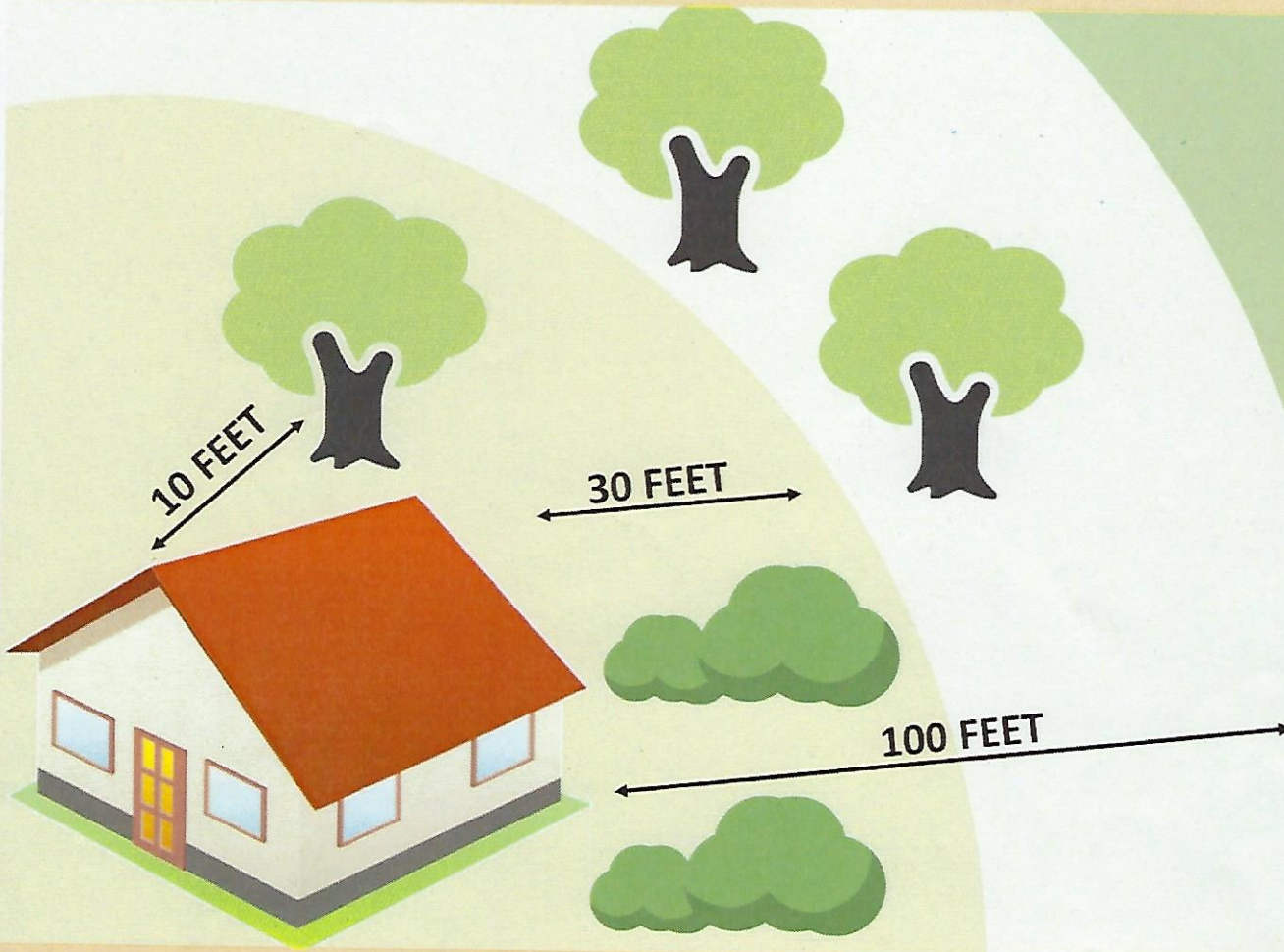
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# DEFENSIBLE SPACE



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## WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible Space is a natural or landscaped area, around a structure, maintained and designed to reduce fire danger.

## WHAT IS THE NAPA COUNTY FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT ORDINANCE?

The Napa County Fire Hazard Abatement Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas of the county. The ordinance requires residents to remove hazardous vegetation by June 1 of every year.

## WHAT DOES THE ORDINANCE REQUIRE OF PROPERTY OWNERS?

- Remove combustible vegetation on undeveloped parcels 1 acre or less in size.
  - 10 feet: Remove tree limbs 10 feet from chimneys.
  - 30-100 feet: Remove flammable vegetation and dead plants
- 100 feet: Cut grasses down to less than 4 inches and limb trees 6 feet off the ground.

FOR MORE: REFER TO CHAPTER 8.36 OF THE NAPA COUNTY CODE -- [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2LZYPHK](https://bit.ly/2LZYPHK) OR  
CONTACT THE NAPA COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AT 707-299-1464