



MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT PREVENTION DIVISION

HOW TO MAKE MY HOME SAFE CHECKLIST

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

- Address posted and visible from street, minimum 4" numerals with contrasting background.
- Provide a Knox lock/key switch for gate.
- Clear brush & tree branches along driveway to provide a minimum clearance of 12' wide by 15' high.
- Install ½" screen mesh over chimney outlet.

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

Zone 1 - Create a Lean, Clean and Green Zone - *An area of 30' immediately surrounding your home.*

- Remove branches & tree limbs within 10' of any chimney and/or stove pipe.
- Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways etc.
- Remove all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds & needles.
- Relocate exposed wood piles outside of zone 1 unless covered in a fire-resistant material. Exposed wood piles must have a minimum 10' clearance down to bare mineral soil in all directions.
- Clear all vegetation & other flammable materials from beneath your deck. Enclose undersides of elevated decks with fire resistive materials.
- It is suggested to remove wood chips/bark within 5' of any structure.

Zone 2 - Reduced Fuel Zone - *The remaining 70' (or to the property line, whichever is closer)*

- Cut annual grasses & weeds down to maximum height of 4".
- Trim tree limbs so they are at least 6' from the ground. This does not include ornamental trees within Zone 1.
- Remove surface litter over a depth of 3' (leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, pods, small branches).
- Logs or stumps embedded in soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation.
- Outbuilding & liquid propane gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have 10' of clearance to bare mineral soil & no flammable vegetation for an additional 10' around their exterior.

(Date completed)

(Homeowner's signature)