

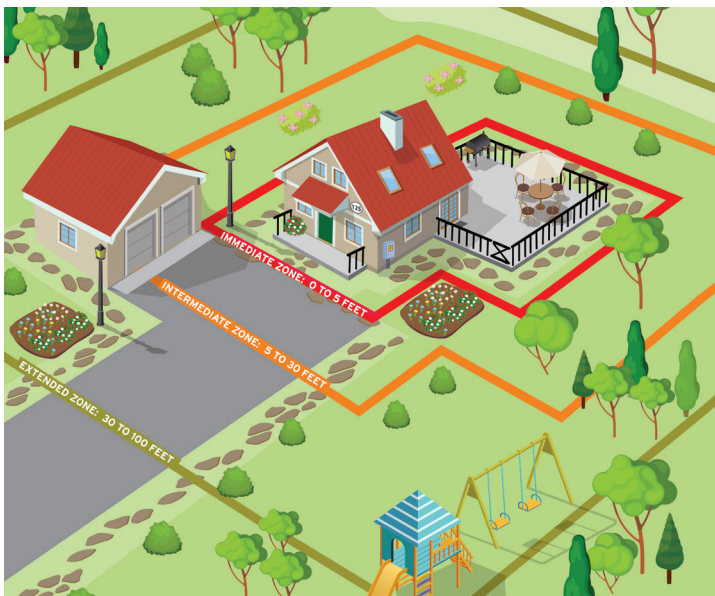
READY NEVADA COUNTY DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST

County of Nevada Defensible Space Inspectors educate the community on defensible space requirements, conduct year-round defensible space inspections and enforce the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance. These checklists were created to help clarify the ordinance and assist you in making sure your property is ready for wildfire.

Below you'll find a checklist 1-8, which is what defensible space inspectors will use when they visit your property. Use this list as a tool to make your property more resilient to wildfire and to bring your property into compliance with Nevada County's Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance. **For more information about the County's Defensible Space Program please visit [ReadyNevadaCounty.org](https://www.readynevadacounty.org).**

Section G-IV 7.4 Nuisance Declared; Duty to Abate Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material

- ☐ **1.** Maintain a defensible space of one hundred (100') feet from each side and from the front and rear of the Structure, but not beyond the property line except as provided by law.
- ☐ **2.** Maintain a one hundred (100') foot wide area of land around Structure(s) located on an adjacent Improved Parcel (some or all of this defensible space requirement may be required on an adjacent parcel depending upon the location of the Structure on the Improved Parcel).
- ☐ **3.** Maintain free of Ladder Fuels a minimum of a ten (10') foot wide strip of land beyond the shoulder of a roadway serving as primary ingress and egress to the parcel, to a height of fifteen (15') feet along the boundary of a Parcel.
- ☐ **4.** Remove the portion of a tree that extends within ten (10') feet of the outline of a chimney or stovepipe.
- ☐ **5.** Climbing vines must be removed from trees and Structures within the one hundred (100') foot defensible space zone around Structure(s).
- ☐ **6.** Maintain a tree, shrub, or other plant adjacent to or overhanging a building free of dead or dying wood.
- ☐ **7.** Maintain the roof of a Structure free of leaves, needles, or other vegetative materials.
- ☐ **8.** Maintain the Parcel free of ladder fuels within the one hundred (100') foot Defensible Space area around Structure(s).



Developing defensible space does not require the removal of all vegetation to bare mineral soil. Use the guidance below to reduce the threat of wildfire on your property.

- 1** Cut and remove all weeds and grasses down to four (4) inches or lower;
- 2** Prune and remove "ladder fuels" up to ten (10) feet or higher;
- 3** Mosaic all stands of brush; or develop vegetation islands to break up continuous fuels.
- 4** Remove all dead or decaying trees and tree limbs.

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ARE YOUR HOME, DRIVEWAY AND ROADWAY **READY?**

Defensible space works. Defensible space around your home and along your roadway is required by the County of Nevada's Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a structure or road on your property and the fuels that surround it. Fuel can take many forms like grasses, trees, and shrubs. When you create defensible space, you help slow the spread of wildfire and provide access for fire fighters and first responders to more safely defend your home.

Create a Supplemental Property Checklist

The California Code of Regulations (CCR), California Fire Code (CFC), and guidance from the National and International Fire Protection Associations (NFPA and IFPA) further outline additional priority activities to help protect your home.

IMMEDIATE ZONE 0-5 FEET AROUND YOUR HOME

- ☐ Create a no-fuel, or low-fuel, zone 0-5 ft around your home. [NFPA and IFPA]
- ☐ Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs. [14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4)]

INTERMEDIATE ZONE 5-30 FEET AROUND YOUR HOME

- ☐ Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles. [14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1)]
- ☐ Keep vegetation well irrigated and free from debris. [NFPA and IFPA]

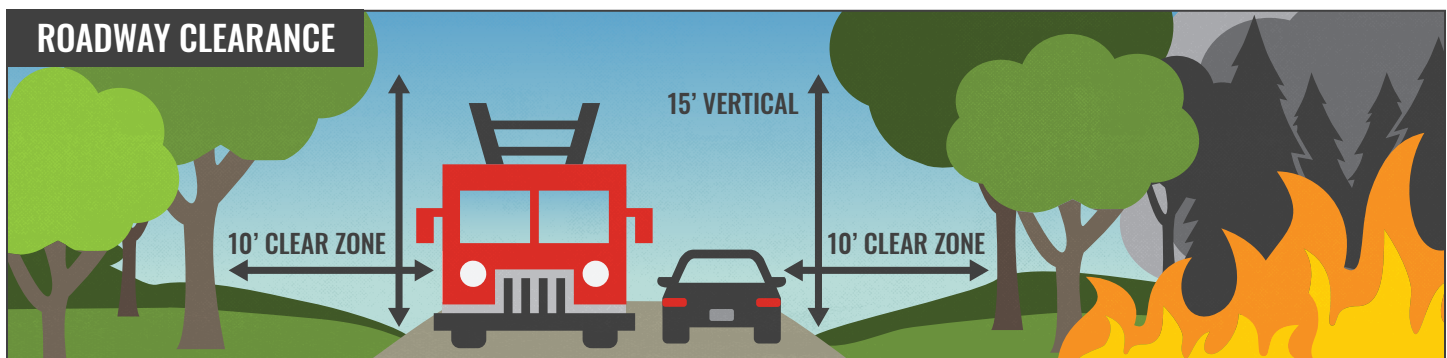
EXTENDED ZONE 30-100 FEET AROUND YOUR HOME

- ☐ Store firewood and flammable materials at least 30 feet away from your home, garage, or deck. [14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3)]
- ☐ All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of 10 feet clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions. [14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)].
- ☐ Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels shall be removed. Loose surface organic material shall be permitted to a maximum depth of 3 inches. [14 CCR § 1299.03 (b)(2)(A)]

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Outbuildings and liquid propane gas tanks shall have 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for 10 feet around the exterior. [14 CCR § 1299.03 (c)(1)]
- ☐ Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors, 4" min. size. [2016 CFC § 505.1]
- ☐ Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having 3/8- and 1/2-inch openings. [2016 CBC § 2113.9.2]
- ☐ Cover all vents with corrosion resistant metal mesh with openings between 1/16- and 1/8 inch. [CRC R337.6]

ROADWAY CLEARANCE



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