

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST COMPARISON BETWEEN
Nevada County Office of Emergency Services and CALFIRE**

	No	Requirement	OES	CALFIRE
Zone 0 0-5 Ft	1	Create a no-fuel, or low fuel, ember resistant zone.	✓	
	2	Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs.	✓	
ZONE 1: 5 - 30 Feet	3	Keep all vegetation well irrigated and free from debris.	✓	
	4	Remove all branches within 10 feet of chimney or stovepipe outlet	✓	✓
	5	Remove all leaves, needles, and vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.	✓	✓
	6	Remove dead trees or shrub branches that overhang roofs, below or adjacent to windows or adjacent to wall surfaces.	✓	✓
	7	Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, and needles.	✓	✓
	8	Remove or separate fuels to maintain spacing between vegetation to interrupt the fire's path. Prune limbs, separate plants and ground cover.	✓	✓
	9	Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs.	✓	✓
	10	Relocate exposed wood piles outside of Zone 1 unless completely covered in fire-resistant material.	✓	✓
ZONE 2: 30-100 Feet	11	Cut annual grasses and forbs down to a maximum height of 4 inches.	✓	✓
	12	Remove fuels to create proper horizontal and vertical spacing among shrubs and trees and remove lower tree limbs.	✓	✓
	13	All exposed wood piles must have a minimum of 10 feet clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.	✓	✓
	14	Remove all dead and dying trees, branches, shrubs, or other plants, and surface debris. Loose surface litter, consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark and cones, shall be permitted to a depth of 3 inches.	✓	✓
100-Feet to Property Line	15	Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation.		✓
	16	Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas storage tanks shall have 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around the exterior.	✓	✓
	17	Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4" min. size) and readable from the street or access road.	✓	✓
	18	Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch.	✓	✓