

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
MOUNTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE GUIDELINES
FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM (909) 884-4056**



WITHIN 15 FEET OF STRUCTURE

- *REMOVE TREE LIMBS (NOT TRUNKS) WITHIN 10' OF CHIMNEY AND STOVEPIPES
- *REMOVE LEAVES, NEEDLES OR OTHER DEAD VEGETATION ON ROOFS OR STRUCTURES
- *ALL SHRUBS THAT PRODUCE HIGH-ENERGY-RELEASE COMPONENTS AND ARE CONSIDERED HIGH FIRE FUELS: MANZANITA, SERVICE BERRY, MOUNTAIN WHITETHORN, SAGE, IRONWOOD, JUNIPER SHRUBS, SPANISH BROOM AND OTHER SPECIES AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF/FIRE WARDEN MUST BE REMOVED

WITHIN 30 FEET OF STRUCTURE

- *ALL TREES WITH TRUNKS SMALLER THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER THAT STAND WITHIN 10 FEET OF ANOTHER TREE MUST BE REMOVED (NOT TO INCLUDE WELL MAINTAINED LOW ENERGY DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL TREES)
- *ALL HIGH ENERGY-RELEASE SHRUBS MUST BE SEPARATED BY A SPACE DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE TALLEST SHRUB (NOT TO INCLUDE WELL MAINTAINED LOW ENERGY DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL PLANTS)

WITHIN 100 FEET OF STRUCTURE OR TO PROPERTY LINE

- *REMOVE ALL COMBUSTIBLE DEBRIS
- *MAINTAIN WEEDS/GRASSES TO 4 INCHES OR LESS
- *IN AND UNDER ALL PLANTS, TREES AND SHRUBS; REMOVE ALL DEAD BRANCHES AND LEAF LITTER
- *REMOVE PINE NEEDLES, LEAF LITTER OR CHIPPED/GROUND MULCH ON THE GROUND THAT IS OVER 2" IN DEPTH
- *THE FOLIAGE AND BRANCHES WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE GROUND ON TREES OVER 12' IN HEIGHT MUST BE REMOVED. LIMBS SHOULD BE CUT NO LESS THAN ¼ INCH FROM THE TREE TRUNK TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF THE TREE
- *ON AND UNDER ALL SHRUBS; LOWER FOLIAGE, LEAF LITTER AND DEAD VEGETATION MUST BE REMOVED UP TO 18 INCHES FROM THE GROUND
- *REMOVE TRUNKS OR BRANCHES FROM THE GROUND THAT ARE LESS THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER (NOT TO INCLUDE SPLIT AND NEATLY STACKED FIREWOOD)
- *REMOVE FLAMMABLE VEGETATION WITHIN 10 FEET OF A ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY, REGARDLESS OF DISTANCE FROM STRUCTURE