

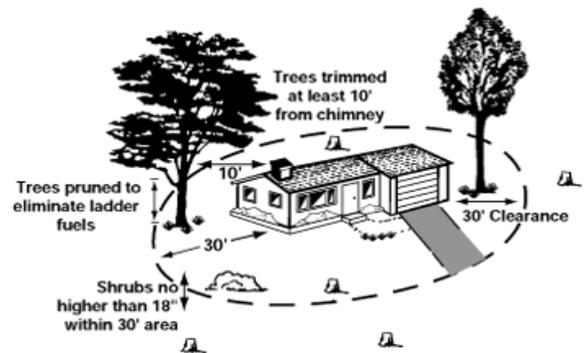
# DON'T INVITE A WILDLAND FIRE INTO YOUR HOME!

We live in a “Wildland/Urban Interface” area where people build their homes and live in close proximity to wildland areas. People move to these areas for many reasons. They like the solitude, the wildlife, the scenery, and the open space. It gives people a sense of independence and freedom. However, this independence and freedom comes with a risk of living in a highly combustible environment. Fortunately, there are actions homeowners can take to minimize the risk of losing their homes in a fire. Several factors directly influence the ignition and the rate of spread of wildland fires such as:

- ❖ FUELS such as trees, grass, shrubs & building materials
- ❖ MOISTURE content of the fuel
- ❖ WEATHER including humidity, wind and temperature
- ❖ TERRAIN or topography of the land

The primary responsibility for protecting your property is yours! What you do BEFORE a wildland fire arrives will be the difference in whether your house survives the threat of the fire or whether the fire department can even get to your home to help you. Being that we have little control over the moisture content of the fuel, weather and terrain, we need to concentrate on reducing the amount of FUEL around your home.

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



1. Create a “defensible space” by removing flammable vegetation a minimum of 30 feet around any buildings or structures or to the property line, whichever is nearer. If the buildings or structures are constructed on a slope, additional vegetation should be removed up to 100 feet or to the property line, whichever is nearer.
2. Remove all tree limbs within 6 feet of the ground. Limb removal should not exceed 1/3 the height of any tree.
3. Remove that portion of any tree, which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
4. Remove needles, leaves and forest debris from roofs, gutters and porches.
5. Stack firewood or building materials at least 30 feet from structures.
6. Work with neighbors to remove heavy vegetation and dry brush in common areas.
7. Replace your wood roof with non-combustible roofing material.
8. Post your address clearly so it can be easily seen from the street as well as common driveways. The numbers should be a minimum of 4 inches in height and 3/8 inch in width with a contrasting background.
9. Provide easy access for firefighting equipment by clearing limbs & brush a minimum of 12 feet wide and 15 feet high along driveways.

**PLEASE HELP US BY MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY AND POSTING YOUR ADDRESS PROPERLY.**