



The San Bernardino County Fire Department urges all property owners to maintain their own property with defensible fire space. The following are some guidelines for homeowners:

### Mountain Fire Hazard Reduction Tips

- Trees trimmed back 10' from chimney
- Remove branches to height of 15'
- Keep roofs and gutters free from debris
- One-quarter inch mesh screen on chimney
- LPG tanks clear of vegetation
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- Dispose of ashes properly
- Make sure firewood is stacked away from house
- Maintain 30' minimum fuel break around structures 100' if on 150 degree slope or greater
- Vegetation spaced to not transmit fire to house
- Have address clearly visible from street

Weeds and grass should be mowed to a height of 4" or lower thirty feet (30') around a structure or one hundred feet (100') if on a slope greater than 15 degrees.

Tree trimmings should be removed completely. All firewood must be stacked neatly. This also applies to all processed wood and lumber products.

House numbers 4" in height on a contrasting background must be visible from the front of the property.

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All wood-burning flues and chimneys must have an approved spark arrestor (1/2" mesh maximum) installed in a vertical position. The spark arrestor must be visible from the ground. Tree limbs or shrub branches shall not be permitted to grow around the chimney area. Limbs should be a minimum of 10' from this area. Pine needles and leaves are a part of the forest environment but become a hazard when allowed to accumulate for several years or are left standing in piles. You may have up to 2" of needles on the ground (we recommend that you clear all needles for at least 30' around your home or 100' if on a slope). Remove all needles and leaves from roof gutters and valleys.

Native brush is a natural part of the forest environment. Heavy brush should be thinned and properly pruned to remove dead wood and eliminate the "ladder effect" of fire spread.

Combustible refuse must be removed from all areas of your property.

Abatement consists of cutting weeds, grasses and dead brush. Any grading, disking, excavation or other major soil disturbances should not be done.

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