

IS MY HOME AT RISK?

A **wildfire** is an unexpected, uncontrolled, and unwanted fire burning in vegetation. Wildfires happen in every community, even populated urban areas.

Identify your home's risk from wildfire in an interactive risk assessment, by visiting the Metro Fire Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) GeoPortal (www.metrofire.ca.gov/index.php/cwpp-crrd) to receive a unique report on specific risk factors.



WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible space is the best method to protect your home and property from wildfire. Defensible space encompasses the maintenance of landscaping and construction on a property.

The inside of this brochure includes tips to create a defensible space around your home.

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) recognized an increasing occurrence of wildfires within the District. As a result, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded Metro Fire funding to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

The CWPP focuses on the following concepts to improve the resiliency of Metro Fire's communities to wildfire:

- Identification of Community Wildfire Risk
- Delineation of a Wildland Urban Interface
- Vegetation Best Management Practices
- Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Education
- Stakeholder Interaction and Involvement

Throughout 2013 and 2014, community stakeholders participated in planning the CWPP, alongside Metro Fire including:

- Sacramento County Regional Parks
- Calif. Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Bureau of Land Management
- Homeowner's Associations
- City of Citrus Heights
- City of Rancho Cordova
- American River Parkway Association
- Various Public Agencies
- Other Community Organizations

Please visit the website below to learn more about the CWPP and how you can reduce the risk of wildfire to your property.

www.metrofire.ca.gov/index.php/cwpp-crrd

METRO FIRE



Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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Protect your home with **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

85% of homes with at least 30 feet of defensible space survive wildfire.

Creating DEFENSIBLE SPACE is the best way to protect your home.

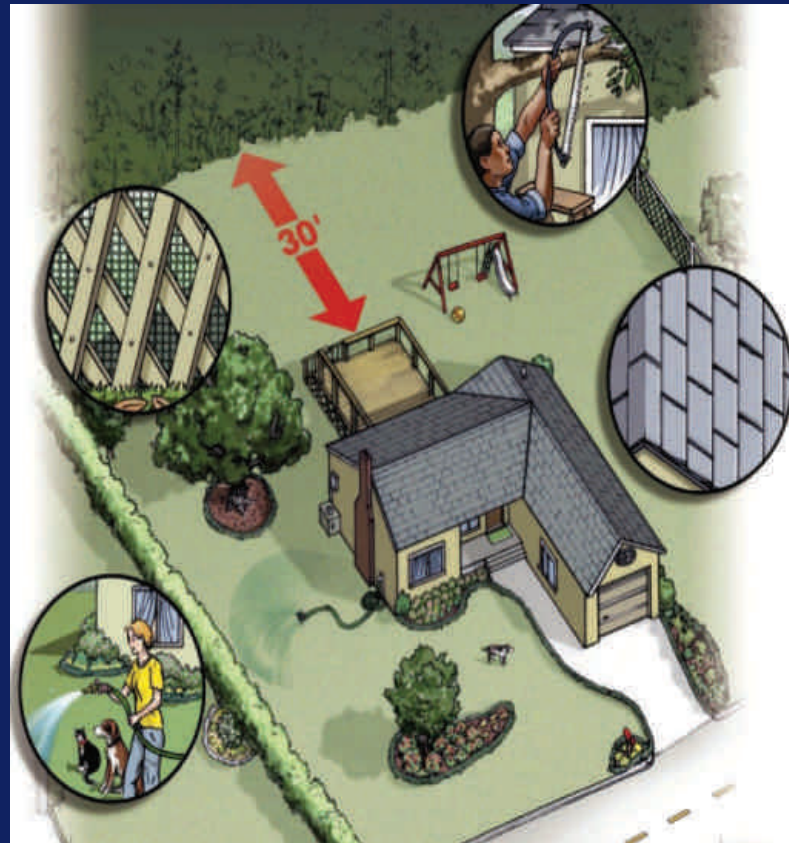
Reducing fuels within 30-100 feet of your home creates a defensible space.

Defensible space allows firefighters to better protect your property during a wildfire.

Prepare for a wildfire before it arrives by moving combustible materials away from your home including wood stacks, patio furniture, etc.

Open areas of your home such as underneath decks or attic vents should be screened to prevent the intrusion of embers where they may cause fire spread.

The removal of yard waste and dried vegetation is crucial to a successful defensible space.



Tree limbs less than 3 inches in diameter and less than 5 feet from the ground should be removed.

When creating a fire resistant structure, utilizing a fire resistant roofing material is the best method to decrease structural ignitability.

Consult with a local nursery to determine the proper landscaping materials and vegetation to place within 100 feet of your home.

Clearly marked address numbers ensure firefighters will be able to locate your residence.



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