

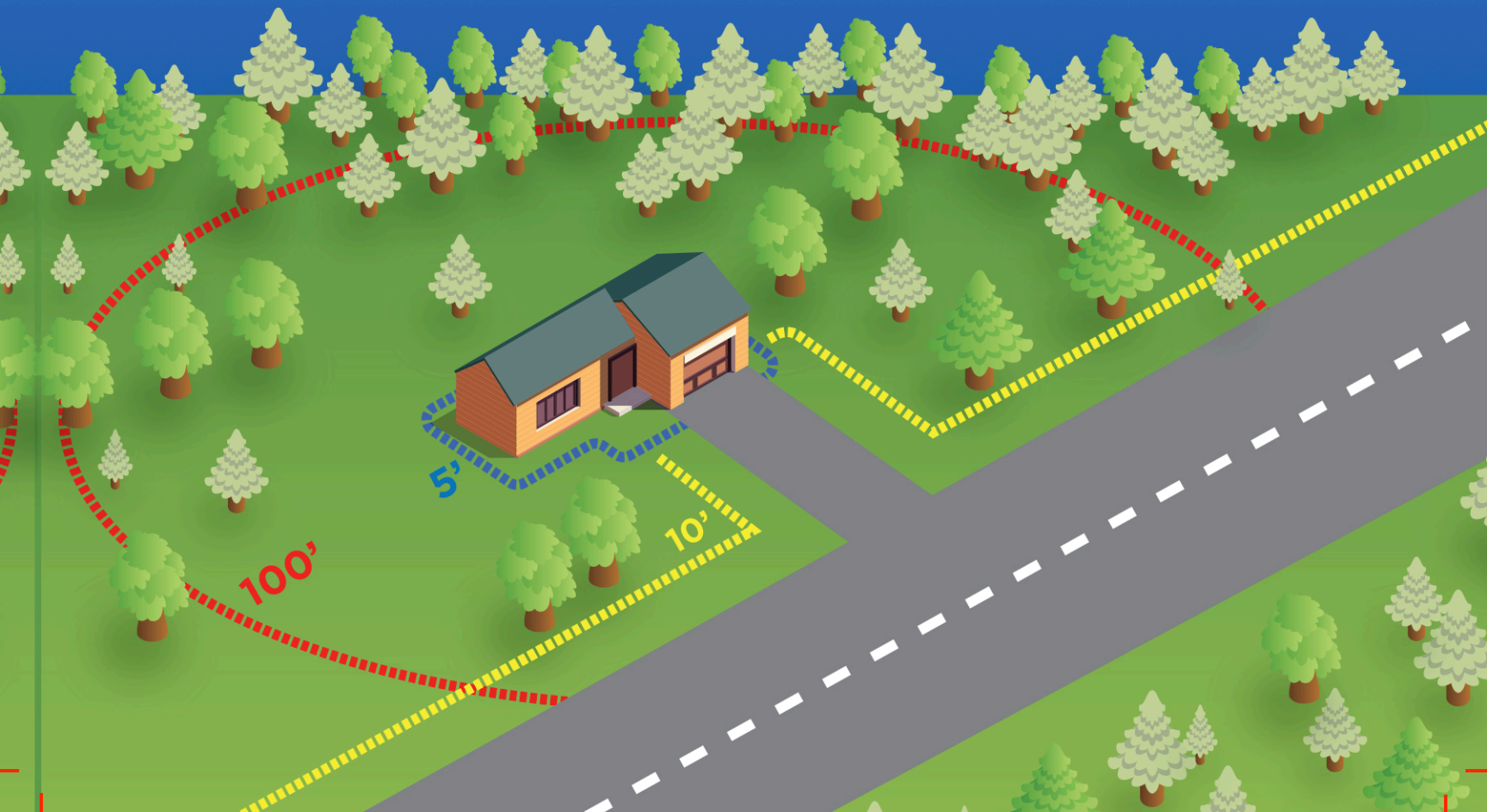
**TOWN OF PARADISE**

# DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS

**The Town of Paradise Municipal Code 8.58**

All property owners are required to comply with defensible space and fuel reduction requirements  
It's your responsibility, and it's the law

**START FROM THE HOUSE OUT  
RATHER THAN FROM THE WILDLAND IN**  
BECAUSE MOST HOMES BURN FROM FLYING EMBERS



## THESE GUIDELINES ARE TO BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY AND MAINTAINED YEAR-ROUND

### DEFEND YOUR HOME FROM BLOWING EMBERS

#### Radius: Within 5 ft. of structures

- ☐ Use noncombustible materials: rock, stone pavers, cement, bare earth, gravel, or sand.
- ☐ Choose low-growing, high-moisture plants: flowers, ground covers, green lawns.
- ☐ Use noncombustible fencing within 5 ft. of structures: metal, concrete, stone.
- ☐ Remove plants and shrubs near windows and under eaves.
- ☐ Clear plants and flammable items from around and under decks.
- ☐ Remove dead branches near or over your roof and 10 ft. away from your chimney.
- ☐ Remove leaves, needles, or other debris from your roof and rain gutters.
- ☐ Replace or repair loose or missing shingles or roof tiles.
- ☐ Do not exceed ½ in. max. screen over chimney or stovepipe.

### REDUCE HEAT AND SPREAD OF FLAMES

#### Radius: 5 ft. to 100 ft. from structure or property line

- ☐ Create islands of vegetation providing plenty of space (10 ft.) between trees.
- ☐ Create vertical spacing between grass, brush, and trees.
- ☐ Choose low growing, irrigated, non-woody plants: succulents, erosion-control grasses, flowers, or lawn near structure.
- ☐ Remove any brush or slash piles and felled trees on the property.
- ☐ Mow grasses and weeds to a maximum height of 4 in.
- ☐ For larger lots past the 100 ft. barrier, reduce all accumulation of combustible material, dead or dying trees, or green waste from the property line when it encroaches on the required 100 ft. defensible space of structure or building on the adjacent property.
- ☐ Provide a fire break on slopes by creating a staggered island of pruned shrubs.

### UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES, ROADWAYS, AND DRIVEWAYS

It is not permitted to allow an accumulation of combustible material, dead or dying trees, or green waste on an unimproved parcel's property line when it encroaches on the 100 ft. defensible space requirements of a structure or building on the adjacent property.

#### For private roads or driveways

- ☐ Create a minimum 10 ft. buffer on both sides by clearing all flammable vegetation down to 4 in. or less.
- ☐ Trim all overhanging tree branches to a minimum height of 14 ft.

#### Properties adjacent to public streets

- ☐ Cut grass to less than 4 in. within 10 ft. of the roadside.
- ☐ Remove the majority of brush within 10 ft. of roadside.
- ☐ Remove all dead vegetation within 10 ft. of the roadside.

### YOU ARE IN VIOLATION IF:

Property owners who fail to comply with defensible space and fuel reduction requirements are in violation of the Town of Paradise Municipal Code 8.58 and may be subject to citations, fines, and/or forced abatement.

### OTHER RESOURCES

[readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org)  
[buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net)  
[townofparadise.com](http://townofparadise.com)  
[fire.ca.gov](http://fire.ca.gov)

