

Defensible Space and Fuel Reduction Requirements

On ALL Parcels:

- 1) Liquid Propane (LP-Gas) Tank(s) require ten (10) feet of clearance to bare mineral soil. (14 CCR §1299.03)
- 2) Felled trees and debris piles (such as brush piles) must be removed. (PMC 8.04.010A)
- 3) Wood Storage, including firewood, logs, lumber, and other wood storage:
 - a) Minimum thirty (30) ft from any structure unless completely covered with fire resistive material. (14 CCR §1299.03A3)
 - b) Over 2,500 cubic feet (approximately 20 ft x 25 ft x 5 ft) requires a permit. (PMC 15.09.040)

On Parcels 1.5 Acres or Less:

- 4) **The entire parcel** must be cleared as follows:
 - a) Grasses must be cut and removed to a height of four (4) inches; and
 - b) The majority of the brush shall be removed. Small groups of plants spaced ten (10) ft apart may remain; and
 - c) Remove tree limbs within six (6) feet of the ground or 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less. (PMC 8.58.060C)

On Parcels Greater Than 1.5 Acres:

- 5) Clearance is required as follows:
 - a) Locations:
 - i) Within one hundred (100) feet of any structure, including structures on adjacent property. Example: Your structure is within (30) feet of the property line, you are responsible for this clearance, then your neighbor will be responsible for the additional (70) feet of clearance to equal the required (100) feet of clearance.
 - ii) Within thirty (30) feet of all property lines, including property lines adjacent to public and private roadways;
 - iii) Ten (10) feet on each side and fourteen (14) feet above public or private streets or driveways that bisect a property.
 - b) Clearance requirements in the above locations include:
 - i) Cut grasses to a height of four (4) inches; and
 - ii) The majority of the brush shall be removed. Small groups of plants spaced ten (10) ft apart may remain; and
 - iii) Remove tree limbs that are within six (6) feet of the ground. For shorter height trees, pruning shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the overall tree height.
 - iv) Remove all dead or dying vegetation. (PMC 8.58.060)

On Improved Parcels (Parcels with a Completed Structure or a Structure Under Construction):

- 6) Address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address shall be Arabic numbers, not spelled out, and each character shall not be less than four (4) inches high and a minimum stroke width of one-half (1/2) inch. (California Fire Code, Chap 5, §505)
- 7) Roof area:
 - a) Leaves, pine needles, and other vegetative debris must be removed from the roof of any structure. (PMC 8.58.060A3)
 - b) Loose or missing shingles or roof tiles must be replaced or repaired to prevent ember penetration. (PMC 8.58.060A3)
 - c) The outlet of any stovepipe or chimney must have:
 - i) A screen made of nonflammable material with openings not larger than one-half (1/2) inch. (PMC 8.58.060A3)
 - ii) Remove the portion of any tree which extends within ten (10) feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe. (PMC 8.58.060A5)
- 8) Immediately around and adjacent to all structures must be kept free of combustible materials, including:
 - a) Any portion of a tree that is dead or dying, especially those that are overhanging any structure. (PMC 8.58.060A5)
 - b) Fencing constructed of combustible material shall not be within five (5) feet of any structure. (PMC 8.58.060A1)
 - c) Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows and under eave vents. (PMC 8.58.060A2)
 - d) Under decks shall be kept free of vegetation and combustible material storage. (PMC 8.58.060A1)

The Fire Chief or designee may require fuel modification measures in addition to those noted above as necessary to sufficiently reduce a fire hazard (PMC 8.58.060D). Helpful Information

- (www.townofparadise.com)-Town of Paradise web site
- (www.townofparadise.com/index.php/burn-information-and-permits)-Town of Paradise burning permit information
- (www.fire.ca.gov)-CAL FIRE web site
- (www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/)-CAL FIRE current fire information-includes the Paradise/Butte County area
- (www.readyforwildfire.org)-wildfire preparedness information and home hardening information for property owners
- (www.paradisefiresafe.org)-Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council-local wildfire safety resources
- (www.buttefiresafe.net)-Butte County Fire Safe Council-community education on wildfire preparedness

For more information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at www.makeitparadise.org.

Click on FAQ, then "Fire Safety" in the column to the right. The FAQ includes a list of weed removal companies with a Paradise business license. If you still have questions after reviewing the FAQs, email defensiblespace@townofparadise.com or call 530-872-6264x303.