



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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REQUIREMENTS TO MEET FIRE SAFETY CODES

HOME IGNITION ZONE; WITHIN 30 FEET OF ALL STRUCTURES

- A. All pine needles, weeds, and duff will be cleared to mineral soil. PRC 4291, Co. Ord. 787
- B. Flammable chaparral species (like Manzanita and Chamise) and dead trees will be removed.
In certain cases, single specimens of ornamental shrubs may remain. PRC 4291, Co. Ord. 787
- C. Any tree branches (live or dead) within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe will be removed. PRC 4291
- D. Dead or dying tree branches that touch or overhang a structure will be removed, PRC 4291. The general recommendation is to limb any alive branches that touch or overhang a structure be removed to provide additional protection for your home.
- E. The roof of any structure will be free of leaves, pine needles or other dead materials. PRC 4291
- F. Chimneys will be covered with wire screen; the mesh of the screen will be ½ inch or less. Excessively small mesh may cause clogging. PRC 4291
- G. Firewood piles within 10 feet of a house will be covered with a tarp. This includes firewood piled against a house or under a deck. We do not recommend stacking firewood against your house. Firewood may also be stored in a covered shed. Local Ordinance.
- H. All dead grass, weeds, and non-ornamental plants will be cut to ground level. PRC 4291

WILDLAND FUEL REDUCTION ZONE; WITHIN 100 FEET OF ALL STRUCTURES

- I. Pine needles, weeds, or duff will not exceed a depth of 3 inches. PRC 4291
- J. All live trees will be limbed up. Please note this applies to native trees, not brush or chaparral. PRC 4291
- K. For Brush and chaparral, the distance between crowns (tops) will be equal to the widest adjacent plant.
All dead limbs and twigs will be removed from the remaining plants. PRC 4291
- L. Any dead tree will be removed; this includes the removal of slash material. PRC 4291

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- M. Street addresses will be posted in numbers at least 3 inches high and clearly visible from the public street.
Co. Ordinance 463
- N. Piles of flammable waste in any yard, vacant lot or open space will be removed. This includes piles of plant trimmings, grass, weeds, construction debris, and rubbish or litter of any kind. Co. Ordinance 787
- O. Private easements need to be cleared to provide access for fire equipment. Co. Ordinance 787
- P. Owners of unimproved property will provide fire clearance for adjacent neighbors if the adjacent property includes a structure **AND** IF THAT STRUCTURE IS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE. Co. Ord. 787
- Q. All weeds, brush, trash or other combustible material shall be cleared a minimum of 10 feet in all directions from all LP gas tanks or containers. Co. Ordinance 787