



Little Lake Fire Protection District

NOTICE OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION

A fire department representative has inspected your property for fire hazards. You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine.

Owner/Tenant:		Inspection Address:					
Phone:		Mailing Address: (if different from Inspection address)					
Latitude:				Longitude:			
Roof Construction	Exterior Siding	Window Panes	Eaves	Vents	Decks/Porches	Location of Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Attempt <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Attempt <input type="checkbox"/> Refused inspection
<input type="checkbox"/> Combustible	<input type="checkbox"/> Combustible	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Pane	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Screened	<input type="checkbox"/> Masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Ground	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Resistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Resistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi Pane	<input type="checkbox"/> Unenclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unscreened	<input type="checkbox"/> Composite	<input type="checkbox"/> Slope	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge Top	

Corrected

Zone 1 (within 30 feet of all structures or to property line):

Checked boxes indicate violations

<input type="checkbox"/>	2	3
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- A. Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(4) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- B. Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc. pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(6) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- C. Remove all dead or dying trees, branches, shrubs or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(5) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- D. Remove all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- E. Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(1) and BOF General Guidelines item 1.
- F. Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to or below combustible decks, balconies, and stairs, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4).
- G. Relocate exposed wood piles outside of zone 1 unless completely covered in a fire resistive material, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3).

Zone 2 (Within 30-100 feet of all structures or to property line):

<input type="checkbox"/>	2	3
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- H. Cut annual grasses and forbs to a maximum of 4 inches in height, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(B).
- I. Reduce fuels in accordance with the Fuel Separation or Continuous Tree Canopy guidelines (see back), pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 4.
- J. All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of ten feet (10 feet) clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(C).
- K. Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels shall be removed. Loose surface litter, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark cones, and small branches, shall be permitted to a maximum depth of three inches (3 in.), pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(A).

Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone (within 100 feet of all structures or to property line):

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- L. Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation, pursuant to BOF General Guideline item 3.

Other Requirements:

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- M. Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have ten feet (10 ft.) of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional ten feet (10 ft.) around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(c)(1).
- N. Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4" Min. Size) and readable from the street or access road, pursuant to 2013 CFC §505.1.
- O. Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, pursuant to 2013 CBC §2113.9.2.

No violations observed at date of inspection

Comments:

1. Inspector _____	Date: _____	A re-inspection will occur on/after: _____
2. Inspector _____	Date: _____	A re-inspection will occur on/after: _____
3. Inspector _____	Date: _____	For questions, contact Inspector at: _____

Fuel Separation Standard

Pursuant to Board of Forestry (BOF) general Guidelines item 4a, in Zone 2, cut annual grasses and forbs not to exceed four inches in height. Horizontal clearance between shrubs should be 4 to 40 feet depending on the slope of the land and vegetation type/size. Horizontal clearance between tree canopies should be 10 to 30 feet depending on slope and vegetation type/size. Vertical clearance between surface fuels and lower tree limbs should be 4 to 40 feet depending on slope and vegetation type. Check the chart below for an estimation of clearance distance. Any questions regarding requirements for a specific property should be addressed to your local fire official.

Minimum Horizontal Spacing Guidelines		
Slope	Shrubs, Ground Covers & Other Ornamental Plants Space required between clumps of ground cover, plants, bushes, shrubs, seedlings or sapling trees, etc.	Trees Space required between tree canopies or groups of trees
Flat or gentle slope (0% to 20%)	2 times the height of the plant	10 feet
Moderate slope (20% to 40%)	4 times the height of the plant	20 feet
Steep slope (greater than 40%)	6 times the height of the plant	30 feet

Continuous Tree Canopy Standard

Pursuant to Board of Forestry (BOF) general Guidelines item 4b, in Zone 2, to achieve defensible space while keeping a stand of larger trees with a continuous tree canopy, adhere to the guidelines below:

Prune lower branches of trees to a height of 6 to 15 feet from the top of the vegetation below (or the lower 1/3 branches for smaller trees). Steeper slopes, and more severe fire danger will dictate pruning heights on the upper end of the scale.

Remove all surface fuels greater than four inches in height. Single trees or other vegetation may be kept if they are well spaced, well pruned, and will not spread fire to other vegetation or structures.

Public Resource Code PRC § 4291. (a) A person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining a mountainous area, forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or land that is covered with flammable material, shall at all times do all of the following:

(1) Maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of the structure, but not beyond the property line except as provided in paragraph (2). The amount of fuel modification necessary shall take into account the flammability of the structure as affected by building material, building standards, location, and type of vegetation. Fuels shall be maintained in a condition so that a wildfire burning under average weather conditions would be unlikely to ignite the structure. This paragraph does not apply to single specimens of trees or other vegetation that are well-pruned and maintained so as to effectively manage fuels and not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from other nearby vegetation to a structure or from a structure to other nearby vegetation. The intensity of fuels management may vary within the 100-foot perimeter of the structure, the most intense being within the first 30 feet around the structure. Consistent with fuels management objectives, steps should be taken to minimize erosion. For the purposes of this paragraph, "fuel" means any combustible material, including petroleum-based products and wildland fuels.

(2) A greater distance than that required under paragraph (1) may be required by state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation. Clearance beyond the property line may only be required if the state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation includes findings that the clearing is necessary to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of flame or heat sufficient to ignite the structure, and there is no other feasible mitigation measure possible to reduce the risk of ignition or spread of wildfire to the structure. Clearance on adjacent property shall only be conducted following written consent by the adjacent landowner.

(3) An insurance company that insures an occupied dwelling or occupied structure may require a greater distance than that required under paragraph (1) if a fire expert, designated by the director, provides findings that the clearing is necessary to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of flame or heat sufficient to ignite the structure, and there is no other feasible mitigation measure possible to reduce the risk of ignition or spread of wildfire to the structure. The greater distance may not be beyond the property line unless allowed by state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation.

(4) Remove that portion of a tree that extends within 10 feet of the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe.

(5) Maintain a tree, shrub, or other plant adjacent to or overhanging a building free of dead or dying wood.

(6) Maintain the roof of a structure free of leaves, needles, or other vegetative materials.

PRC § 4119. The department, or its duly authorized agent, shall enforce the state forest and fire laws. The department may inspect all properties, except the interior of dwellings, subject to the state forest and fire laws, for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with such laws.

For additional information on how to comply with defensible space clearance requirements, please visit:

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