



## EL DORADO HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT



# MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE

Defensible space and home hardening are essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between your structure(s) and the surrounding area. This space acts as a barrier to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and helps protect your home from catching fire. Proper defensible space also provides safety for firefighters defending your home. Defensible space is the first line of defense for your home against wildfire.

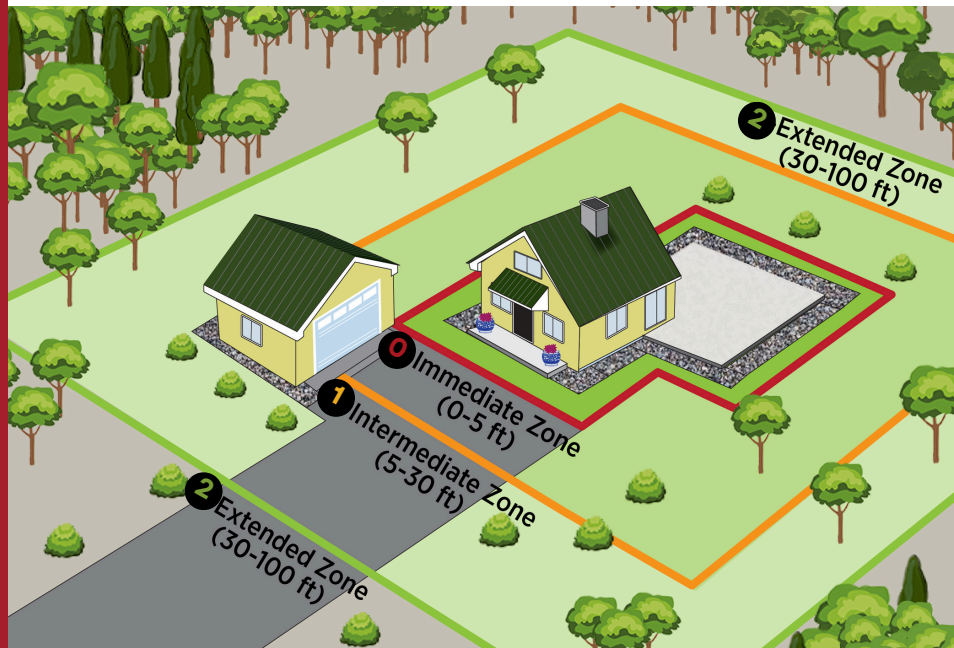
## ARE YOU DOING THE RIGHT THING THE WRONG WAY?

Each year firefighters respond to fires started by homeowners using equipment incorrectly. Complete all yard maintenance in the cooler morning hours before 10 am and avoid windy or dry conditions. Remember, metal blades can spark fires when hitting rocks. Do your part the right way to keep your community fire safe.

To obtain further guidance on maintaining a fire-safe environment for your home, please contact our Defensible Space Department.

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## CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE!



### 3 ZONES OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE

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#### IMMEDIATE ZONE (0-5 FT)

Install noncombustible ground cover. Use fire-resistant or noncombustible materials for decks, porches, railings, or fences that attach to the home.

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#### INTERMEDIATE ZONE (5-30 FT)

Plant trees no closer than 30 feet to the home. Space tree crowns 18 feet apart or further on slopes. Trim branches up to 6-10 feet from ground and at least 10 feet from structures.

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#### EXTENDED ZONE (30-100 FT)

Remove vegetation next to outbuildings. For trees 30 to 60 ft from the home, space so mature canopies are at least 12 feet apart; for 60 to 100 feet from the home, space so tree canopies are at least 6 feet apart.

The EDCFSC has been awarded grant funds to offer chipping services to communities and homeowners residing on the West Slope of El Dorado County, that are committed to enhancing the fire safety of their properties. For more information regarding this initiative, please visit: [edcfiresafe.org/chipper-program](http://edcfiresafe.org/chipper-program)

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