

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
MOUNTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE GUIDELINES
FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM (909) 884-4056**



WITHIN 15 FEET OF STRUCTURE

- *REMOVE TREE LIMBS (NOT TRUNKS) WITHIN 10' OF CHIMNEY AND STOVEPIPES
- *REMOVE LEAVES, NEEDLES OR OTHER DEAD VEGETATION ON ROOFS OR STRUCTURES
- *ALL SHRUBS THAT PRODUCE HIGH-ENERGY-RELEASE COMPONENTS AND ARE CONSIDERED HIGH FIRE FUELS: MANZANITA, SERVICE BERRY, MOUNTAIN WHITETHORN, SAGE, IRONWOOD, JUNIPER SHRUBS, SPANISH BROOM AND OTHER SPECIES AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF/FIRE WARDEN MUST BE REMOVED

WITHIN 30 FEET OF STRUCTURE

- *ALL TREES WITH TRUNKS SMALLER THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER THAT STAND WITHIN 10 FEET OF ANOTHER TREE MUST BE REMOVED (NOT TO INCLUDE WELL MAINTAINED LOW ENERGY DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL TREES)
- *ALL HIGH ENERGY-RELEASE SHRUBS MUST BE SEPARATED BY A SPACE DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE TALLEST SHRUB (NOT TO INCLUDE WELL MAINTAINED LOW ENERGY DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL PLANTS)

WITHIN 100 FEET OF STRUCTURE OR TO PROPERTY LINE

- *REMOVE ALL COMBUSTIBLE DEBRIS
- *MAINTAIN WEEDS/GRASSES TO 4 INCHES OR LESS
- *IN AND UNDER ALL PLANTS, TREES AND SHRUBS; REMOVE ALL DEAD BRANCHES AND LEAF LITTER
- *REMOVE PINE NEEDLES, LEAF LITTER OR CHIPPED/GROUND MULCH ON THE GROUND THAT IS OVER 2" IN DEPTH
- *THE FOLIAGE AND BRANCHES WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE GROUND ON TREES OVER 12' IN HEIGHT MUST BE REMOVED. LIMBS SHOULD BE CUT NO LESS THAN ¼ INCH FROM THE TREE TRUNK TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF THE TREE
- *ON AND UNDER ALL SHRUBS; LOWER FOLIAGE, LEAF LITTER AND DEAD VEGETATION MUST BE REMOVED UP TO 18 INCHES FROM THE GROUND
- *REMOVE TRUNKS OR BRANCHES FROM THE GROUND THAT ARE LESS THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER (NOT TO INCLUDE SPLIT AND NEATLY STACKED FIREWOOD)
- *REMOVE FLAMMABLE VEGETATION WITHIN 10 FEET OF A ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY, REGARDLESS OF DISTANCE FROM STRUCTURE

San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement Program – Code Enforcement

A message from the San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement program:

To avoid **fees** and **charges** to your parcel this upcoming year, please make sure your property is in compliance and fire safe, and your mailing address is current with the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office.

It is your responsibility to make sure your mailing address is current with the San Bernardino County Assessors office.

Please visit the Assessors website at www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/assessor

Or you can call the San Bernardino County Assessor's office (909) 387-8307.

For more information on Fire Hazards in the Mountain area, please visit our website www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices, OR the San Bernardino County Fire website www.sbcfire.org, OR www.thisisin.org (for Big Bear communities).

County of San Bernardino Code Enforcement/Fire Hazard Abatement Program can be reached at:

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Mountain Fire Hazard Reduction Tips

