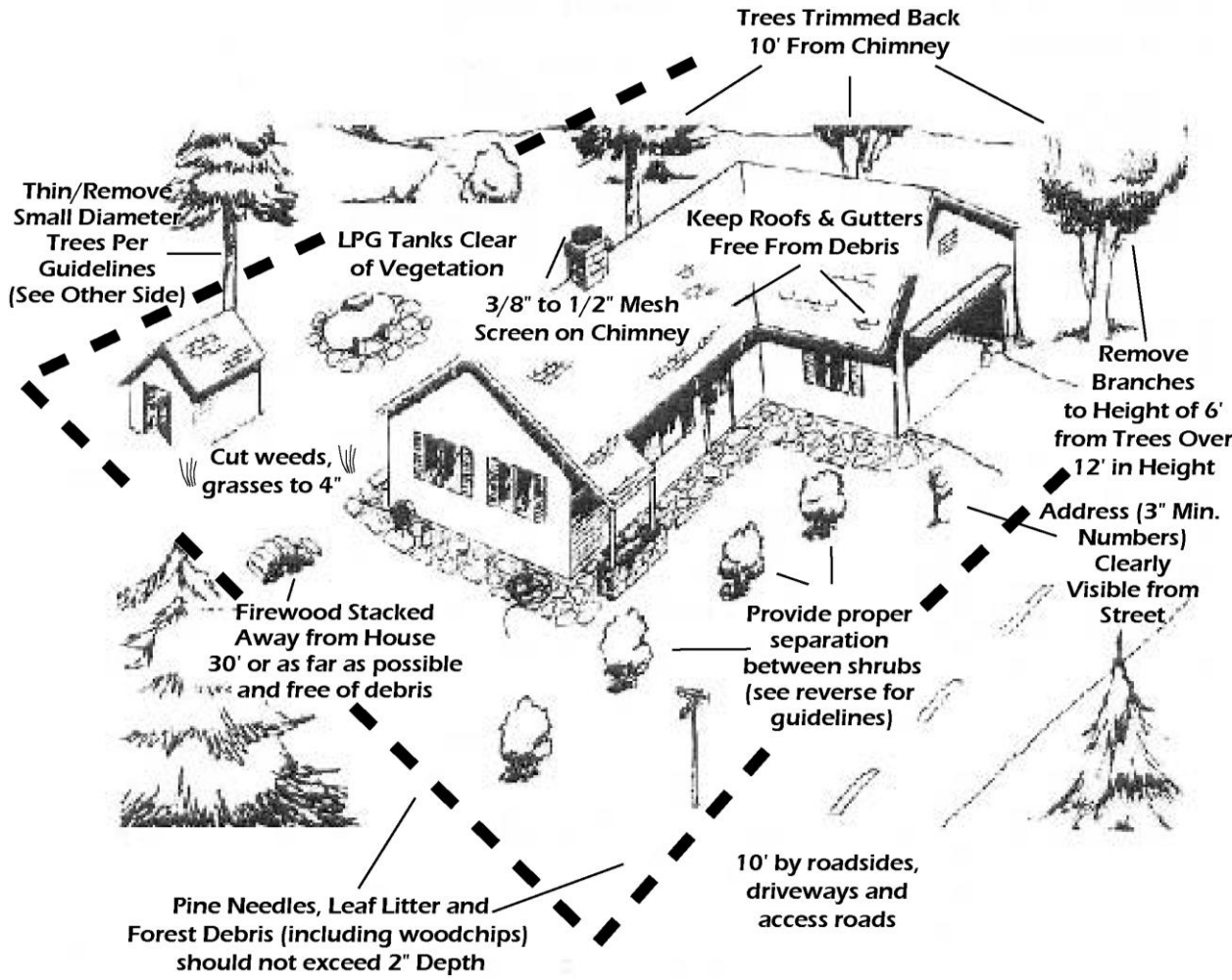


Mountain Fire Hazard Reduction Tips



Defensible Space . . .
 Something We Can All Live With

Correspondence with our office:

In order to help us serve our community, you may complete the form below. Please fill in all the information requested and check the applicable boxes, detach and mail it to our office.

Land Use Services, Fire Hazard Abatement
 385 No. Arrowhead Ave., Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415

----- Please Cut Here and Return Completed Form to Address Above -----

Property Owner Name _____ Phone No. _____

Parcel No. _____

Should Be Clear – I have COMPLETED the required Fire Hazard Abatement.

County To Do – I would like the County to perform the required Fire Hazard Abatement and send me a bill when the work has been completed.

I have sold the property. I have forwarded the notice to the new owner (required).
 New owner's name and address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Important Information To Read

Dear Property Owner,

The following information is intended to help explain the “Notice and Order to Abate.” San Bernardino County Land Use Services is working with your local fire authority to abate fire hazards in your community to reduce the risk of fires which threaten life or property.

We conduct on-site surveys on a parcel-by-parcel basis. Notices are mailed to property owners (at the address shown on the latest tax role) advising of requirements.

If you Already Cleared Your Property . . .

. . . and you received this notice, no further action is required, but you must not allow re-establishment of fire hazards.

The County Will Clear Your Property . . .

If you have not already done so . . . Contractors will perform the abatement and the cost plus administrative fees will be billed and placed on the property taxes if unpaid (liens may be recorded for uncollected billings).

If you would like the County to abate your parcel or you are unsure if your property meets the requirements, you may contact our office at the number on the bottom of your notice.

Potential Fees . . .

Fees will be assessed against your property if it is in violation after the due date on your notice. All actions taken to obtain compliance after the due date generate a fee and are billable.

There is a **\$92.00** fee per action.

Examples: Non-Compliance Final Notice, Additional Inspections, Warrants (when required), Mail Return postings, etc.

Here Are Some Guidelines

Weeds and grasses should be mowed/cut to a height of 4” or less, and pine needles and/or leaf litter no more than 2” in depth at least one hundred feet (100’) from any structure and 10’ along roadside, driveways and access roads. Maintain these standards throughout the year.

Tree Trimmings should be removed completely.

All firewood must be stacked neatly away from structures and not on or under decks, porches, etc. This also applies to all processed wood and lumber products. (Construction debris is considered a fire hazard).

House numbers 3” in height on a contrasting background must be visible from the front of the property and all access roads.

All wood-burning flues and chimneys must have an approved spark arrestor (1/2” mesh maximum) installed in a vertical position and should be visible from the ground to verify compliance.

Tree limbs or shrub branches shall not be permitted to grow around the chimney outlet area. Limbs should have a minimum of 10’ of clearance from this area. All tree trimmings must be removed from the site

Abatement Diagram on Back

Native brush is a natural part of the forest environment but within 100 feet of structures should be thinned and properly pruned to remove dead wood and eliminate the “ladder effect” from spreading fires.

“High energy release shrubs” should not be placed within 15’ from structures. All shrubs within 15’ – 30’ of structures should be spaced no closer than two times the height of the tallest shrub. Lower foliage should be trimmed up 18” from the ground. Trees within 30’ of structures that are 4” in diameter or less should be removed if less than 10’ from another tree. Ornamental trees and shrubs need not be removed but must be pruned of dead material and cleared of debris from underneath.

Combustible refuse must be removed from all areas of your property.

Any grading, disking, excavation or other major soil disturbance must not be done.

**Questions? Please Call
909-387-4123**