



# DEFENSIBLE SPACE ASSESSMENT



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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ASSESSOR \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEOWNER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **ZONE 1 – 0 to 5 Feet**

- ☐ Roofing and decking material should be Class A
- ☐ From ground or deck level, the first vertical 6" of siding should be non-combustible
- ☐ Roofs and gutters free of needles and leaves
- ☐ Gutters should be metal
- ☐ Exterior attic vents, soffit vents, foundation vents should be covered with 1/8" wire mesh
- ☐ No wood fences directly attached to the main structure
- ☐ Tree limbs at least 10' away from structure
- ☐ Perimeter must be of hardscape, non-combustible material
- ☐ Remove shrubbery and potted plants
- ☐ No furniture, planters, sheds, containers, wood piles, propane tanks, natural door mats
- ☐ Areas under attached decks should be blocked or covered with 1/8" wire mesh
- ☐ Ground cover under high decks should be non-combustible
- ☐ Double pane windows
- ☐ No gaps on bottom of garage doors

## **ZONE 2 – 5 to 30 Feet**

- ☐ Grasses should be kept at a height of 4" or less
- ☐ Remove highly combustible shrubbery. Consider fire-resistant plants
- ☐ Use non-combustible mulch
- ☐ Clear vegetation under stationary propane tanks
- ☐ Trees should have minimum of 12' between canopies

## **ZONE 2 – 30 to 100 Feet**

- ☐ Avoid fire ladders by eliminating all shrubs within the drip line of trees
- ☐ Limb trees up 6'-10' or 1/3 the height of smaller trees
- ☐ Tree spacing should be at least 10' apart. On slopes, 20'-30' apart or more depending on degree of slope
- ☐ Horizontal shrubbery spacing should be twice the height of the shrubs. On slopes, 4x-6x the height.
- ☐ Trees should have minimum of 6' between canopies



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## NOTES