

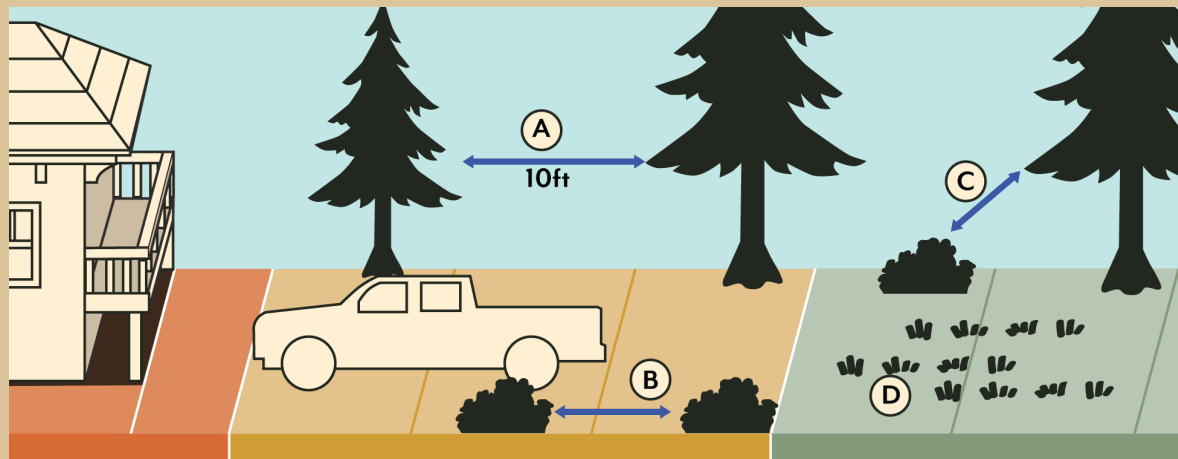
# ARE YOU *PREPARED* FOR **WILDFIRE?**

In recent years, western states have endured numerous devastating wildfires.

Wildfire frequency and severity will increase as global temperatures rise. We must all prepare for this future.

Defensible space is a critical strategy to help keep communities safe during wildfires. It is important to ensure your home has the appropriate defensible space.

## CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONES AROUND YOUR HOME



### Zone 1: 0-5 ft from home

Exclude anything combustible including bark, weeds, dead leaves, lumber, fencing, gates, or arbors.

### Zone 2: 5-30 ft from home

Exclude dead and dry leaves, plants, and grass.

- A** Trim tree limbs to allow 10 feet of separation between neighboring trees.
- B** Separate shrubs so that there is no uninterrupted block of shrubs or plants.

### Zone 3: 30-100 ft from home

- A** Create horizontal space between shrubs and trees
- C** Create vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees.
- D** Exclude grass higher than four inches.

## CHECK YOUR LOCAL REGULATIONS

Some communities have local ordinances requiring defensible space measures, while others have guidelines that are not enforced by law. Your local fire department will likely have information about any regulations that may affect you.

## CHECK YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY

Your homeowner's insurance may require defensible space.

# LEARN MORE



Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space/>

Wildfire Risk to Communities

<https://wildfirerisk.org/explore>

Make your home wildfire defensible | US Forest Service (usda.gov)

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/features/make-your-home-wildfire-defensible>

NFPA - Firewise USA®

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

## CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Make sure you have the contact information for at least two neighbors.

Have a safety plan in case phones aren't working during an emergency.

Establish a primary and secondary meeting place, each separate enough to be a realistic alternative if roads are inaccessible.

### Address