



City of Nevada City **Notice of Defensible Space Inspection**

Owner/Tenant:			Inspection Address:		
Inspection No.	1	2	3	Inspector Name:	Number of Violations:

Checked boxes indicate a violation of the ordinance

Zone Zero (0-5ft from a structure) - Goal: To modify structures for greater fire resistance

- Maintain the roof and gutters to be free of leaves, needles, or other vegetation.
- Maintain the underside of balconies, overhangs, and porches clear of combustible material (carboard boxes, natural fiber cushions, degrading wood, gas cans, wicker objects, etc.) or anything else that would make good tinder or kindling for a fire
- Cover all vents with corrosion resistant metal mesh with openings between **1/16 and 1/8 inch**.
- Maintain living / green grasses or lawns to a maximum height of three (3) inches, must be well irrigated
- Keep stored firewood out of this zone.
- Keep flammable mulch and wood chips out of this zone. Non-combustible materials such as gravel, decomposed granite, concrete, pavers, or bare soils should be used. (more on mulches on website)
- Place Spark Arrestors on chimneys and stovepipes that are connected to heating devices with live flames

Zone One(5-30ft from a structure) - Goal: To provide for managed landscaping located away from the structures

- Maintain living / green grasses or lawns to a maximum height of four (4) inches.
- Maintain composted mulch and wood chips to a depth no greater than three (3) inches.

Zone Two (30-100ft from a structure) - Goal: To provide for managed landscaping located away from the structures

- Maintain living / green grasses or lawns to a maximum height of eighteen (18) inches
- Maintain composted mulch and wood chips to a depth no greater than three (3) inches.

Applicable in all other zone/other requirements

- Maintain a defensible space of one hundred (100) feet from all sides of a structure.
- Maintain a ten (10) foot **wide** and fifteen (15) foot **high** strip of land beyond the shoulder of a roadway free of ladder fuels.
- Maintain climbing vines so that trees and structures are free of their growth within the one hundred (100) foot defensible space zone.
- Maintain tree branches a minimum of 6-feet above roofs, fences, structures, and the ground.
- Maintain the parcel free of ladder fuels within the one hundred (100) foot defensible space area
- Plant and maintain shrubs strategically to disrupt plant continuity and slow down fire spread.
- Remove all dead, dying, or diseased vegetation and trees.
- Vegetation near a structure is only permissible when placed near fire-resistive construction, is comprised of lower flammability plants, is 18 inches away from windows, and well-maintained free of dead material with no leaves or flammable mulch beneath.
- Remove hazardous items that would hinder firefighter access on all sides of the structure.