



# MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT



**FIREWISE USA**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

## HOW TO MAKE MY HOME SAFE CHECKLIST (LE 100a)



*This information is kept private and only reported in total for all 206 RTG homes*

RTG residents are requested, annually, to complete as much of this work as possible. Please return it to your Division Captain, or other designee, no later than October 1 of each year. We need this record to retain our Firewise® Recognition status.

RESIDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### THREE ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

#### Zero Zone 0 ft - 5 ft: “ember resistant” zone.

- Remove all combustible bark, mulch, woody plants, shrubs, trees, vegetative debris and all plants within this zone. Install hardscape: gravel, pavers, concrete, etc.

#### Create a Lean, Clean and Green Zone - *An area of 5-30 feet immediately surrounding your home.*

- Remove all flammable vegetation and any dead or dying plants and trees adjacent to or overhanging buildings within 30 feet of each building or structure. You may keep single trees or other vegetation that are trimmed of all dead and dying foliage and are well-pruned, branched-up at least 6 ft and maintained.
- Remove flammable vegetation and items which could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below combustible decks, balconies and stairs. Relocate exposed wood piles outside this zone unless covered by fire resistant material or relocate the wood pile more than 30 ft. from the home. Enclose/ screen undersides of elevated decks with fire resistive materials.

#### Decrease Fuel in the Reduced Fuel Zone - *The fuel reduction zone in the remaining 70 feet (or to the property line, whichever is closer)*

- Remove surface litter so it does not exceed a depth of 3 inches. Surface litter consists of fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, pods, small branches, etc.
- Clear debris from roof, eaves, and rain gutters.
- Trim/remove tree limbs that are within 10 feet of chimneys and/or stovepipes.
- Trim/remove dead tree limbs hanging over the building(s).
- Trim tree limbs so they are at least 6 feet from the ground. This does not include ornamental trees within the 30 foot “defensible space”.
- Protect all chimney outlets or flues with a 3/8 inch to 1/2-inch mesh metal screen.
- Post address numbers (4” min.) so they are visible from the street.
- Provide a vertical clearance of 15 feet and a minimum width clearance of 12 feet on the driveway.
- Out buildings and liquid propane gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have at least 10 ft of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 ft.

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(Homeowner’s signature)

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(Captain’s signature)