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## DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST

## Property Owner First \& Last Name

## Property Address

## Home Phone Cell Phone Email

## ZONE 1: Within 5 feet of house, garage and other structures

$\square$ Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.
$\square$ Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
$\square$ Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing $1 / 8$-inch metal mesh screening.
$\square$ Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8-inch metal mesh screening to block
 embers.
$\square$ Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.
$\square$ Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
$\square$ Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

## ZONE 2: 5-30 feet out

$\square$ Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
$\square$ Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
$\square$ Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
$\square$ Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
$\square$ Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

## ZONE 3: 30-100 feet out

$\square$ Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
$\square$ Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
$\square$ Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.
$\square$ Dispose of heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris.
$\square$ Remove dead plant and tree material.
$\square$ Remove small conifers growing between mature trees.
$\square$ Remove vegetation adjacent to storage sheds or other outbuildings within this area.
$\square$ Trees 30 to 60 feet from the home should have at least 12 feet between canopy tops.
$\square$ Trees 60 to 100 feet from the home should have at least 6 feet between the canopy tops.

