

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Do you have at least 100 feet of space surrounding your home that is Lean, Clean and Green?

The Vacaville Fire Department's objective is to create defensible space that will reduce fuel load in the event of a wildfire. A good defensible space will help you and your home survive the terrible effects of a fast moving wildfire.

Lean- Prune shrubs and cut back tree branches. Keep these at least 15 feet away from your chimney.

Clean- Remove all dead plant material from around your home; this includes dead leaves, dry grass and firewood

Green- Plant fire-resistant vegetation around your home.

LEAN, CLEAN AND GREEN LANDSCAPING

This type of landscaping will allow you to create a defensible space that will reduce your wildfire threat. Prune all trees so the lowest limbs are 6-10 feet from the ground. This will keep a ground fire from spreading up to the tree tops. Within your defensible space, remove all flammable plants that contain resins, oils and waxes. These items tend to burn quickly. Try to find less-flammable plants to keep in your defensible space.

FIRE-RESISTANT ATTACHMENTS

Attachments include any structure connected to your home, such as fences, decks, and porches. If these items are not fire retardant, you could be a risk

The Vacaville Fire Department's Weed Abatement Requirements

Keep at least 100 ft. of space surrounding your home lean, clean and green.

Keep your chimney clean with a spark arrester.



Driveway accessible with address visible.

Thin and prune trees.

It's Your Place-Keep it Fire Safe!

FIRE-RESISTANT ROOFING AND EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION

All roofing materials should have a minimum of a class A or B rating. Additionally, the inclusion of a fire-resistant sub-roof adds protection.

Non-combustible exterior siding is highly recommended for the exterior siding of your home. Wall materials that can resist heat and flames are: brick, cement, plaster, stucco, and concrete masonry. Double pane glass windows can also help make a home more fire-resistant.

EMERGENCY ACCESS

Identify your home and neighborhood with legible and clearly marked street names and numbers so emergency vehicles can rapidly find the location of the emergency. Include a driveway that is at least fifteen feet wide with a vertical clearance of thirteen feet 6 inches, this will give emergency apparatus the access they need to get to your home.

HAVE A DISASTER PLAN

- The time is now, to plan for a fire emergency. Take time to discuss with your family what everyone should do in the event of a fire.
- Post our local Fire Department phone number.
- Decided ahead of time where you and your family will go should a fire occur.
- Have two escape routes out of your home and out of your neighborhood.
- Maintain an adequate water source.
- Have a plan for your pets. In a large fire, most evacuation shelters will not allow pets.
- Practice family fire drills at least twice annually.