

# Are You Prepared?

**Do you have sufficient defensible space around your home?** Have you cleared your yard of debris? It could be a matter of life or death if a fire hits your area. With fire season upon us, San Bernardino County Fire urges all residents to follow these simple steps to help protect your property:

Create a defensible area, firebreaks that divert flames around property, by clearing weeds and dry grass at least 100 feet around your home. Property on sloped areas should be cleared 100 feet as well, as wind-fed flames can race up hills and mountainsides quickly.



- Store flammable liquids in approved safety cans away from occupied buildings.
  - Keep propane tanks clear of vegetation.
  - Keep all combustibles, such as firewood, lawn furniture, picnic tables, etc., away from structures.
  - Clean rain gutters regularly to avoid leaf and needle accumulation.
  - Clear vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath decks or other wooden structures.
- Remove tree limbs and vegetation that overhang the roof.
  - Remove all branches lower than 6 feet.
  - Dispose of stove or fireplace ashes and charcoal briquettes after soaking them in a metal pail of water for 24 hours.
  - Keep garden hose connected to faucet.
  - **Review your home escape plan with your family & have a fire drill exercise.**
  - **Ensure address is clearly visible from the street.**

Contact your local fire department for further information and free property inspections.

**Don't let this happen to you – BE PREPARED**  
**Defensible Space Saves Lives**



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