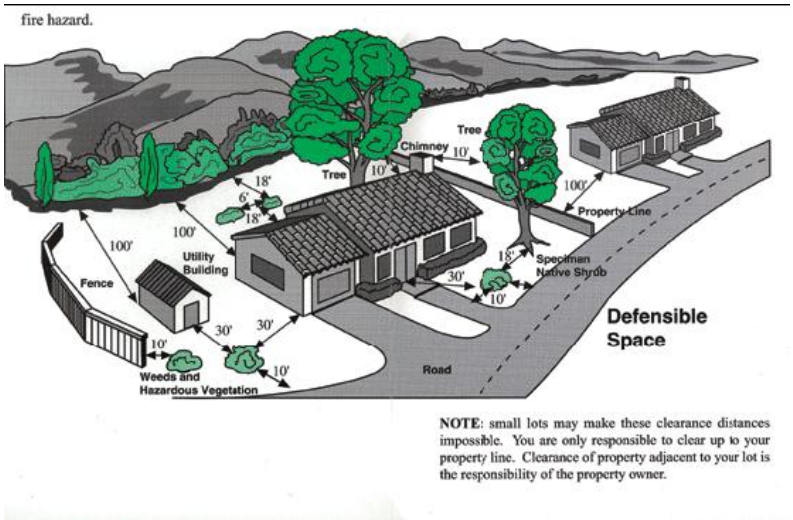
BRUSH CLEARANCE

Home Landscaping and Yard

- Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structures. Increase this distance to 50 feet in high hazard areas (see diagram below for better explanation of distances.
- Single tree, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers may be permitted provided they do not readily transmit fire from begetation to structure from radiant heat.
- Landscape with plants that are drought tolerant and fire resistant. Maintain plants.
- Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 feet apart or three times their distance from other shrubs.
- Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity.
- Trees taller than 18 feet – prune lower braches within 6 feet from the ground.
- For trees and shrubs of less than 18 feet, prune lower branches to 1/3 of their height.
- Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves.
- Remove all stacks of combustibles materials.
- Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures. Remove flammable vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles.

Home Access

- Identify at least two exit routes from your neighborhood.
- Post road signs to show traffic restrictions such as dead-end roads and height and weight limits on your road.
- Clear back flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from roads and driveways.
- Cut overhanging tree branches above roads to provide minimum of 16 feet of clearance.
- Make sure street names and numbers are visible at intersections.
- Post address on front of the house. If your house is not visible from the street, post sign at front entrance of driveway or access road.