

# Wildfire Survival: Your Home. Your Responsibility.



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**Fire season could hit hard this year with the dry winter we experienced.  
So don't delay. Develop defensible space around your home this spring by creating:**

- 1) **Non-Combustible Zone** (0-5 feet around your home): remove flammable plants or flammable debris such as wood piles, wood mulches, dead plants, and pine
- 2) **Lean, Clean and Green Zone** (5-30 feet around your home): rake & remove pine needles every spring, continue routine maintenance like removing dead vegetation, debris, and low branches/shrubs under trees. Create space between trees by removing trees less than 14" in diameter (no permit needed). For removal of bigger trees, call your local fire agency to obtain a permit.
- 3) **Wildland Fuel Reduction Zone** (beyond 30 feet): thin tree & shrub stands to create space between them.

**And take steps to upgrade your home to make it less ignitable by wildfire embers:**

- 1) **Protect vents** into your attic and crawl space with screens of 1/8 inch mesh
- 2) **Maintain siding** by filling gaps with a quality caulk and replace degraded siding
- 3) **Protect combustible siding** with metal flashing between it and a combustible deck
- 4) **Replace wooden gates/ fences** within 5 feet of the house with noncombustible materials.
- 5) **Adjust garage doors** so they are well sealed at the edges.

*Plan to participate in defensible space events in person during Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Week May 26-June 3, 2011. OR Log on to our first ever series of Tahoe webinars May 25th, May 29th, May 30th, June 1st and June 2nd from noon to one. The series will focus on creating defensible space in the Tahoe Basin, conservation landscaping, improving home survivability during wildfire, working with fire departments/neighborhood/community, emergency preparedness during a wildfire, and fire risk reduction by the US Forest Service.*

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