

Here is the call to action... your home's survival rests on your shoulders!

To start defending your home, you'll have to take a look around. The benchmark distance of survival starts at 30 to 100 feet. If you see a continuous blanket of tall, thick vegetation within this area, then you've got to start creating some "Defensible Space" around your structure.

First, remove all dead vegetation that lies within 30 to 100 feet of your home. Many live bushes, brush and trees tend to hide this dead matter, so be thorough. Dead materials can give a distant fire a chance to establish itself in your community through wind-carried embers.

Second, reduce the amount of live vegetation through limbing and thinning. You won't have to create a parking lot simply ensure that you have adequately spaced the vegetation. Individual plants should not touch, tree limbs should be off the ground and brush should be watered and trimmed.

Third, replace flammable vegetation with more fire-resistant type plants. While no plant is completely resistant to fire, plants with low fuel contents can mean the difference between safety and destruction. Check with your local nursery for a fire-resistant plant list for your area.

Please [click here](#) for excellent information regarding defensible space zones around your homes from FIREWISE.

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