

UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING YOUR PROPERTY'S WILDFIRE RISKS

HOW TO ASSESS YOUR HOME'S FIRE RISKS, REMOVE FIRE RISKS AND CREATE YOUR DEFENSIBLE FIRE PERIMETER AROUND YOUR HOME

"Remove excessive FIRE LOAD in our desert"

Your Sunrise Presidio Village LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE has produced a checklist for neighborhood home owners to survey their own home and property for Wildfire Risks. Each home owner will be able to determine their susceptibility risk for wildfire, reduce their property's fire risks and work toward a clear and safe defensible perimeter around their home.

Use the checklist below to identify risk subjects related to wildfire that exist on your property, or in some cases risks next to your property that could potentially push fire in your direction.

Once you have used the checklist to identify risk subjects on (or near) your property then read below for ways to remove/mitigate that fire risk. Please print this and use it!!!

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME'S WILDFIRE RISKS

1. LOOK AT YOUR HOME FROM STREET(S), Check boxes for VISIBLE Fire Risks.

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| ☐ Dead combustible branches, vegetation, debris | ☐ Trees overhanging buildings |
| ☐ Firewood or combustible debris next to buildings | ☐ Dense brush/trees, vegetation near buildings |
| ☐ No access for Fire Fighters | |

2. LOOK AT YOUR HOME FROM SIDE PROPERTY LINES, Check boxes for VISIBLE Fire Risks.

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| ☐ Dead combustible branches, vegetation, debris | ☐ Trees overhanging buildings |
| ☐ Firewood or combustible debris next to buildings | ☐ Dense brush/trees, vegetation near buildings |
| ☐ No access for Fire Fighters | |

3. LOOK AT YOUR HOME FROM REAR PROPERTY LINES, Check boxes for VISIBLE Fire Risks.

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| ☐ Dead combustible branches, vegetation, debris | ☐ Trees overhanging buildings |
| ☐ Firewood or combustibles next to buildings | ☐ Dense brush/trees, vegetation near buildings |
| ☐ No access for Fire Fighters | |

4. LOOK AWAY FROM YOUR HOME TOWARD NEIGHBORS PROPERTY, COMMON LANDS, & WASHES , etc, Check boxes for VISIBLE Fire Risks.

☐ Dead combustible branches, vegetation, debris

☐ Dense brush/trees/vegetation that could push fire toward you

☐ No access for Fire Fighters; what is the access for Fire Fighters

HOW TO REMOVE/MITIGATE FIRE RISKS

Dead combustible branches, vegetation or debris. Dead materials should be cleaned up and discarded as trash. Dead branches/vegetation should always be trimmed from live trees and discarded. Any debris should be cleaned up and discarded.

Trees overhanging buildings. Any parts of trees overhanging buildings should be trimmed back to be at least 5 ft away from buildings; farther is better!

Firewood or combustible debris next to buildings. Firewood should be moved away from buildings at least 15 ft, more is better. Other combustibles should be discarded; use good sense about what to keep that may catch fire or become fuel for flames.

Dense brush/trees, vegetation near buildings. Trees should be de-limbed from ground 6 ft, or higher if tree is mature. Branches from one tree should not touch another tree's branches. No tree branches should touch a building. Dense vegetation, such as grasses and bushes, should be kept trimmed and not be dense or touching. Eliminate "ladder fuels" (small plants under tall trees) that allow ground fires to reach treetops.

No access for Fire Fighters. Look for access for Fire Fighters to the different parts of your property and remove or alter any obstacles that prevent access. Also think about firetruck access if your buildings are more than 100 ft. from a street.

Look away from your home toward neighbor's property, common lands, & washes, etc.

Talk to your neighbors if you observe dangerous fire risks that should be addressed. Be a good neighbor and offer to help with removing risks and discarding combustibles. Share hiring a landscaper to trim trees and clean up dense plant material-- sharing saves \$\$.

For common lands and washes with wildfire risk combustibles please email your SPV Landscape committee to come and make plans to remove fire risks

(landscape@sunrisevillage.org). For this, a work crew will need access to the areas across owner's, or neighbor's property; look for access to the area needing to be cleaned up.

HOW TO CREATE A DEFENSIBLE PERIMETER AROUND YOUR HOME

Now, think about creating a perimeter around your home, bare of combustibles, that prevents oncoming fire to spread closer to your home. This is called your Defensible Fire Perimeter. Below is a checklist for how to create a good Defensible Fire Perimeter

Home Fire Perimeter Checklist

- **0 to 5 Feet next to buildings (Immediate Zone)**
 - ☐ Clear dead leaves and debris from roofs and gutters.
 - ☐ Replace wood mulch with gravel, rock, or stone.
 - ☐ Move firewood, lumber, and trash cans away from exterior walls.
 - ☐ Remove flammable vegetation directly touching or adjacent to the house.
- **5 to 30 Feet next to buildings (Intermediate Zone)**
 - ☐ Keep lawn grass mowed to a height of 4 inches or less, if you have any!
 - ☐ Prune low-hanging tree branches up to 6–10 feet from the ground.
 - ☐ Create separation between trees and plant clusters to prevent fire spread.
 - ☐ Keep patio furniture, woodpiles, and propane tanks well-maintained and away from structure perimeter.
- **30 to 100 Feet next to buildings (Extended Zone)**
 - ☐ Thin dense stands of trees to interrupt continuous canopy lines.
 - ☐ Clear dead trees, fallen branches, and thick brush accumulation.
 - ☐ Eliminate "ladder fuels" (small plants under tall trees) that allow ground fires to reach treetops.

DO YOU NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP TO CHECK YOUR RISKS, LOOK OVER YOUR PROPERTY AND/OR TO GET THINGS CLEANED UP? Contact your SPV Landscape committee (landscape@sunrisevillage.org or mail to the address below) ,we know who you can hire to get the jobs done!!

Would you like to help with identifying Fire Risks within our HOA? We need people to walk the roads and common areas and to report observations that may present a Fire Risk so we can get those areas cleaned up. Please contact to: (landscape@sunrisevillage.org or mail to the address below).

Finally, **THANK YOU** for your attention to this very important neighborhood item. Suggestions always welcome!

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