

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Hazard Reduction Program Guidelines

### Zone 1: Within 30 feet of structures

- ✓ **Chimney & Roof.** Remove portions of any tree or combustible material that extends within 10 feet of a chimney or 3 feet of a roof.
- ✓ **Leaves/clutter.** Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.
- ✓ **Dead Vegetation Under a Building.** Remove all dead and dying trees, branches, shrubs or other vegetation adjacent to or overhanging structures.
- ✓ **Dead Vegetation & Grass.** Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles and maintain annual grasses to a maximum of 4 inches in height.
- ✓ **Cover & Shrubs.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs so that groupings are limited to a 10-foot diameter and spaced 5 feet from any other groupings.
- ✓ **Vegetation below decks, etc.** Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to or below combustible decks, balconies, stairs, etc.
- ✓ **Wood piles 55 cf.** Relocate exposed wood piles exceeding 55 cubic feet (approximately 2' deep by 5' wide and 5' high) outside of Zone 1 (30 feet from the structure).

### Zone 2: Within 30-100 feet of all structures or to the property line

- ✓ **Cut Grass 4".** Cut annual grasses, weeds, and forbs to a maximum of 4 inches in height.
- ✓ **Trees & shrubs over 6'.** Maintain trees, large shrubs and hedges exceeding 6 feet in height so limbs are not within 5 feet of the ground or 1/3 of its height (whichever is less).
- ✓ **Wood piles 10'.** All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of ten feet (10 feet) clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.
- ✓ **Cover & Shrubs.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs so that groupings are limited to a 10-foot diameter and spaced 5 feet from any other groupings.
- ✓ **Surface & aerial fuels.** Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels shall be removed. Loose surface litter, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches, shall be permitted to a maximum depth of 3 inches.

### Other Requirements

- ✓ **Logs/stumps.** Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation.
- ✓ **Outbuilding/LPG.** Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have ten feet (10 feet) of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional ten feet (10 feet) around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(c)(1).
- ✓ **Address Numbers.** Address numbers shall be mounted on the structure, or an adjacent monument in contrasting colors (4" minimum size) and be readable from the street or access road.
- ✓ **Chimney screens.** Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8" and 1/2".
- ✓ **Hydrant 3'.** Clear vegetation and obstruction within 3 feet of any fire hydrant.

**For additional information regarding your requirements and the Fire Hazard Reduction Program, please contact us at 805-658-4709 or at [fhrp@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:fhrp@cityofventura.ca.gov)**