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Vegetation Management Program

www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement

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NOTICE OF DUTY TO REMOVE AND ABATE WASTE, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL BY JUNE 1, 2020.

Dear El Dorado County Property Owner,

Your property is included on the Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection list for 2020.

This notice is being sent as a courtesy reminder of your responsibilities as a property owner for fire hazard reduction and creation of defensible space. The El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection criteria and deadlines are included in this letter. Please read this notice carefully.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION and DEFENSIBLE SPACE DEADLINE – JUNE 1

In accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09, improved parcels and designated unimproved parcels located in unincorporated El Dorado County are required to perform fire hazard reduction and defensible space clearance of at least 100 feet from all habitable structures by June 1 of every year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Once El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program staff begins conducting defensible space inspections, failure to meet the Vegetation Management Program requirements may result in citations, fines and/or forced abatement for noncompliance.

HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

- “Sample” Inspection Form (Cal Fire’s Notice of Defensible Space Inspection) – Included with this letter is a sample inspection form which lists the criteria that will be assessed on properties during defensible space inspections.
- Wildfire is Coming. Are you Ready? Flyer – Defensible space requirements and home hardening information for property owners.
- ReadyforWildfire.org – Online resources to prepare for wildfire.
- Start Neighbor to Neighbor – If there is a concerning property in your neighborhood, start by talking to the property owner or collaborating with existing efforts through Fire Safe Councils. They may already be working with the property owner to resolve the issue. Inviting a neighbor to learn more about fire hazard reduction and defensible space often yields the best results.
- El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils – Learn about fire safe activities occurring in your community <http://www.edcfiresafe.org>.
- El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Complete a burn permit application by calling 530-621-7501 or online at: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit>.

For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website at www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement or call 530-621-4663.

Sincerely,

John Wilcox

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El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program

Para más información y preguntas comunes en español, visita nuestro sitio:
www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement
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WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

HARDENING YOUR HOME

Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile ahead of a wildfire. Prepare (harden) your home now before a fire starts.

Priority list for building or remodeling with ignition-resistant* materials:

- **Roof** (Above all else your roofing is the most important hardening feature)
- **Eaves and Soffits**
- **Walls**
- **Decks**
- **Patio Cover**
- **Fencing**

Other priority activities:

- **Vents:** Cover and protect all openings.
- **Windows:** Protect against blow-outs and install dual-paned windows.
- **Rain Gutters:** Screen or enclose.
- **Chimney:** Cover outlets with non-combustible screens.
- **Garage:** Have an accessible fire extinguisher.
- **Driveways:** Ensure access to your home complies with local fire codes.
- **Water Supply:** Have multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach all areas of your home.

*Visit ReadyforWildfire.org/hardening-your-home for detailed information on ignition-resistant building materials and all home hardening activities.

VERTICAL SPACING

Eliminate opportunities for a vertical "fire ladder" by:

- Remove branches beneath large trees for a 6-foot minimum clearance.
- Create proper vertical spacing between shrubs and the lowest branches of trees by using the formula shown.



HORIZONTAL SPACING

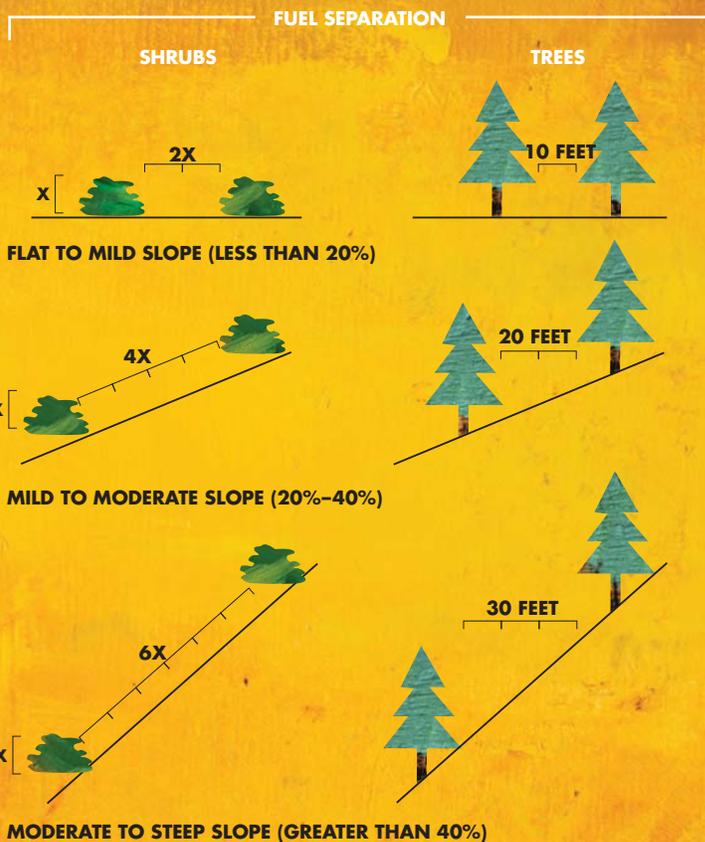
The spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is crucial to reduce the spread of wildfire. The spacing needed is determined by the type and size of the shrubs and trees, as well as the slope of the land. For example, a property on a steep slope with larger plant life will require greater spacing between trees and shrubs than a level property that has small, sparse vegetation.

Fire-Safe Landscaping

Fire-safe landscaping isn't necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. Fire-safe landscaping uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home.

Dead Tree Removal

If you have dead or dying trees on your property the entire tree needs to be removed to reduce wildfire risk. Visit ReadyforWildfire.org/dead-tree-removal to learn about permit requirements.



DOWNLOAD THE READY FOR WILDFIRE APP

It's never been more important to keep on top of preparing your family, home and property for a wildfire. Fires are on the rise, and are burning hotter, faster and more unpredictably than ever before. Download the app to:

Get custom wildfire alerts



Track your progress



Get detailed action steps

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ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE



NOTICE OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION

An El Dorado County representative has inspected your property for fire hazards.
You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine.

OWNER/TENANT:	INSPECTION ADDRESS:		
INSPECTOR NAME:	CONTACT NUMBER:	Inspection No. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	No Violations Observed <input type="checkbox"/>

CHECKED BOXES INDICATE VIOLATIONS

Zone 1 / Within 30 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- A.** Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(4) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- B.** Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc. pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(6) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- C.** Remove all dead and dying trees, branches and shrubs, or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings, pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(5) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- D.** Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- E.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(1) and BOF General Guidelines item 1.
- F.** Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4).
- G.** Relocate exposed wood piles outside of Zone 1 unless completely covered in a fire-resistant material, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3).

Zone 2 / Within 30–100 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- H.** Cut annual grasses and forbs down to a maximum height of 4 inches, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(B).
- I.** Remove fuels in accordance with the Fuel Separation or Continuous Tree Canopy guidelines (see back), pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 4.
- J.** All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of 10 feet clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(C).
- K.** 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, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(A).

Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone / Within 100 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- L.** Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation, pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 3.

Other Requirements:

- M.** Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(c)(1).
- N.** Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4" min. size) and readable from the street or access road, pursuant to 2016 CFC § 505.1.
- O.** Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, pursuant to 2016 CBC § 2113.9.2.

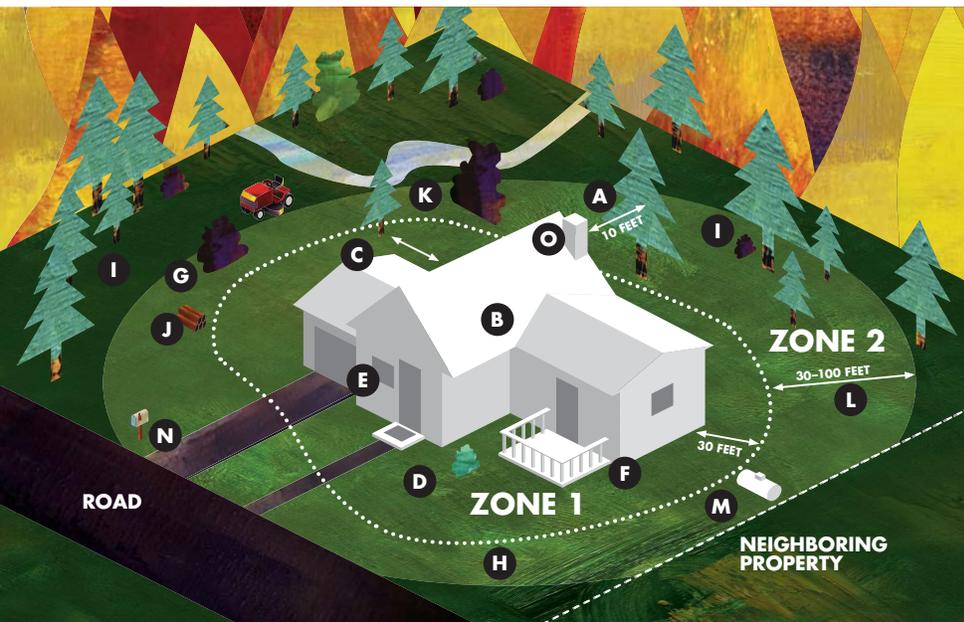
COMMENTS:

LEARN MORE:



IMPORTANT

All violations marked must be addressed by the owner/tenant. A re-inspection of the property will occur on or after _____



KNOW THE LAW BE FIRE SMART

WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG

100 feet of Defensible Space is required under the Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291 and El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09.

For more information and to ensure your property is in compliance, visit: 20-0098 A 4 of 8
www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement



El Dorado County Air Quality Management District
 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
 Ph: 530-621-7501 / Fax: 530-295-2774
 aqmd@edcgov.us

Learn Before You **Burn**



Proper clearing of vegetation around homes can help prevent and minimize the risk of wildfires. Cleared vegetation can be removed as green waste or composted. If you must burn, the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) wishes to remind residents of the “What, When, Where and How” of proper and legal outdoor Open Burning.



What

- Dry vegetation originating from the property on which it will be burned.
- If it’s going to rain, cover your pile to keep it dry. Do not burn the cover!
- Don’t burn only pine needles as they will smolder, add wood for heat.

BURN DAY
Information Lines

West Slope:
530-621-5897 or
866-621-5897

South Lake Tahoe:
530-621-5842 or
866-332-2876

When

- On designated Burn Days (call the BURN LINE first!)
- When local weather conditions are appropriate.
- With an AQMD Burn Permit (for piles greater than 4ft x 4ft).
- With a Burn Permit from local fire district or CalFIRE if required.



Where

- On the property from which the dry vegetation originated.
- In areas where it’s safe to burn, away from combustibles, with an adequate water supply and means to contact emergency personnel



How

- In accordance with Air District Rule 300 Open Burning.
- In accordance with any other applicable requirements from your local fire protection district, CalFIRE, or US Forest Service. (CalFIRE (530) 644-2345)

Smoke nuisance complaints are the most common complaints AQMD receives during burn season. While you are allowed to burn vegetation under certain conditions, you do not have a right to inundate your neighbors with smoke and cause a nuisance. Visit the District’s webpage for more information:

[http://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Burn_Information_\(Outdoor\).aspx](http://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Burn_Information_(Outdoor).aspx) .

California Health & Safety Code Section 42400 gives AQMD the authority to levy monetary fines to persons who violate District Rules, including Rule 300 Open Burning. The District also has a compliance course that violators may have the option to complete.

Is it a Burn Day?

Here are 4 ways to find out!

There are four ways to learn if it's a permissive Burn Day.



The most direct source:

By **Phone**: updated after 3 pm daily
West Slope: **(530) 621-5897** or **(866) 621-5897**
Lake Tahoe: **(888) 332-2876**



The following are updated after 3 pm daily:

On the **Web**:

<http://edcgov.us/AirQualityManagement/>

Click on “Burn Information” in the left-side menu
You can download a **Burn Permit Application** there too.



On **Facebook**:

www.facebook.com/EDCAQMD



On **Twitter**:

www.twitter.com/EDCAQMD, follow: @EDCAQMD

The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Office Hours are:

Mondays – Thursdays: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Fridays: 8 AM to 5 PM
OPEN LUNCH

Visit our website at www.edcgov.us/AirQualityManagement
for more information on legal burning and District activities.

Thank you for working with us to improve air quality!



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Amador/EI Dorado Unit
Camino Headquarters
2840 Mt. Danaher Rd.
Camino CA, 95709
(530) 644-2345



BURN PERMIT GUIDE YOU AND YOUR BURNING PERMIT

There are four types of permits that allow open burning in El Dorado County. Three of these burn permits are issued by CAL FIRE and local Fire Agencies (LE-62A, LE-63, & LE-5).
An LE-5 and an Air Quality Management District permit are required for piles larger than 4x4 feet.

The California Campfire Permit or LE-63 is issued to individuals camping outside an improved campground. They are valid from the date of issuance to the 31st of December of that same year. This permit is issued by both the federal and California State wildland fire agencies. Permittees are responsible for knowing the specific restrictions for using campfires on National Forest or BLM lands. A person camping on private property, not designated as an improved campground, must have the written permission of the property owner allowing use of a campfire on the owner's property. This written permission must be in the possession of the permittee in order to make the California Campfire Permit valid. Permittee's must clear all flammable material to bare mineral soil for 5 feet around the campfire and have a shovel available at the campfire site. A responsible person must be in attendance at all times and the campfire must be completely extinguished if no one is in attendance.

Campfire Permits (LE-63) are also available online at:
<http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit/>

Residential Burn Permit/Burn Pile or LE-62A is issued to residents who have a house on their property. It is not issued for burning on vacant land. An LE-62A is valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance. By law a LE-62A is required from May 1st until the CAL FIRE Director declares the end of fire season in the fall. Residents may only burn vegetation (leaves, tree branches, limbs, piled brush, etc.) that originates from their property. The piles will be no larger than 4x4 feet. A 10-foot diameter clearance to bare mineral soil of all flammable material must be provided around the burn pile prior to lighting. An adult must be in attendance during permit use. The adult must have a shovel and water available for containing and extinguishing the burn pile. The burn pile must be extinguished before it can be left unattended. The person who signed the burn permit is responsible for its safe use. Residential Burn Permits become void once burning is suspended by the CAL FIRE Director. Suspension of Residential Burn Permits generally occurs when fire conditions are elevated to a level that residential burning is no longer safe. The burn suspension will be lifted in the fall when there is enough rainfall to allow safe permitted burning again.

Residential Burn Permits (LE-62A) are now available online at (online residential burn permits expire December 31st of the year of issuance):
<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

****For burn piles larger than 4x4 feet, both permits below are required****

Interagency Burning Permit or LE-5 must be acquired at a CAL FIRE station and is issued to land owners who burn larger than 4x4 foot dimensioned burn piles or burn on vacant land. A LE-5 is required from May 1st until fire season is terminated by the CAL FIRE Director. An inspection of the property by a CAL FIRE Officer may be required prior to permit issuance. Fire officers can list any conditions on the permit they determine are necessary for public safety. These conditions may include when the pile(s) can be burned, pre-burn notifications to CAL FIRE, or weather-based restrictions.

The LE-5 is also issued for welding operations, grinding operations, etc. LE-5's requested by timber companies are issued by the CAL FIRE area forester.

**A permit from the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District is also required to burn oversized piles.*

Air Quality Management District Permit is required for any burning of piles larger than 4x4 feet. This permit is issued for residential, agricultural, land clearing and forestry management burning. The permit is only valid on permissive BURN DAYS. Only vegetation (leaves, tree branches, limbs, piled brush, etc.) that originates from the property may be burned. The smoke must be managed so that it does not negatively impact neighboring residents.

**A LE-5 permit from the CAL FIRE is also required to burn oversized piles.*

A permit can be obtained at the AQMD office (345 Fair Ln, Placerville CA, 95667), via FAX or via the webpage. CONSERVATION IS WISE-KEEP CALIFORNIA GREEN AND GOLDEN PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONSERVE ENERGY. FOR TIPS AND INFORMATION, VISIT "FLEX YOUR POWER" AT WWW.CA.GOV.

CAL FIRE
Amador/El Dorado Unit Headquarters
2840 Mt Danaher Rd, Camino, 95709
(530) 644-2345

CAL FIRE Stations:

El Dorado County

El Dorado (CAL FIRE)..... (530) 622-3858
5660 Mother Lode Dr, Placerville, 95667
(Open year-round)

Camino (CAL FIRE) (530) 647-5227 or (530) 644-2345
2840 Mt Danaher Rd, Camino, 95709
(Open year-round)

Cameron Park Fire Protection District (530) 677-6190
3200 Country Club, Cameron Park, 95682
(Open year-round)

Garden Valley (CAL FIRE)..... (530) 333-4551
15061 Marshall Rd, P O Box 126, Garden Valley, 95633
(Intermittent Staffing during the Winter)

Pilot Hill (CAL FIRE)..... (530) 333-2306
4731 Pedro Hill Rd, Pilot Hill, 95664
(Intermittent Staffing during the Winter)

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