

DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST

1. Clear trees, brush and other flammable items at least 30 feet away from your home or cabin, and be sure no branches are left hanging over the roof.
2. Within 100 feet of the structure, thin brush and shrubs, remove tall grass, and spruce tree branches up at least six feet. Stack firewood at least 30 feet away.
3. Make sure your building's roof is made of non-burnable materials and kept clear.
4. Be sure to clear the ground to bare soil for at least 5 feet around approved burn barrels and open fires.
5. If you have a water source, make sure you can reach all around the building with a hose or other method.
6. Put spark arresters on chimneys and chainsaws.
7. Know your home or cabin's legal description or latitude and longitude location.
8. Make sure your home or cabin is accessible to fire fighters.
9. Have the correct tools to fight a fire located in a place you can quickly get to; an ax, shovel, and pump for your water source.
10. Know your local burning laws, and obtain a permit to burn out-of-doors between May 1 and September 30 where required.
11. Don't burn on windy or dry days.
12. Don't dump hot ashes or burning cigarette butts on the ground, and remember that hot mufflers on off-road vehicles can catch dry moss, grass, and leaves on fire.
13. Know your local fire protection and prevention authorities and how to contact them.

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