

Running Springs Fire Department

Mountain Defensible Space Guidelines

WITHIN 15ft. OF STRUCTURE	WITHIN 30ft. OF STRUCTURE	WITHIN 100ft. OF STRUCTURE OR TO THE PROPERTY LINE
Remove all combustible debris	Remove all combustible debris	Remove all combustible debris
Maintain weeds/grasses (keep 4" or less in height)	Maintain weeds/grasses (keep 4" or less in height)	Maintain weeds/grasses (keep 4" or less in height)
In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches, pine needles and leaf litter	In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches, pine needles and leaf litter	In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches, pine needles and leaf litter.
Remove anything over 2" of pine needles, leaf litter or chipped / ground mulch on the ground	Remove anything over 2" of pine needles, leaf litter or chipped / ground mulch on the ground	Remove anything over 2" of pine needles, leaf litter or chipped / ground mulch on the ground.
On trees taller than 12 ft. all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up to 6ft.	On trees taller than 12 ft. all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up to 6ft.	On trees taller than 12 ft. all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up to 6ft.
On and under all shrubs the lower foliage must be removed up to 18" from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.	On and under all shrubs the lower foliage must be removed up to 18" from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.	On and under all shrubs the lower foliage must be removed up to 18" from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.
Remove tree limbs less than 10 ft. away from chimney and stovepipes. Have 1/2 inch mesh screen on chimney.	Remove trunks or branches less than 4" in diameter, not including split, neatly stacked firewood	Remove trunks or branches less than 4" in diameter, not including split, neatly stacked firewood.
Remove all high energy release shrubs such as: Manzanita, Juniper shrubs, Sage, Spanish broom, Service berry, Mountain whitethorn, Ironwood. Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous plants.	All high energy release shrubs must be separated by a space double the size of the tallest shrub. Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous plants.	Vacant lots less than 1/2 acre will be required to comply with requirements listed here on this page. Vacant lots over 1/2 acre will be required to provide a 100' clearance from all neighboring structures and 10' from streets & roadways
Remove leaves, needles or other dead vegetation on roof or structures.	All trees smaller than 4" in diameter and stand within 10ft. of another tree must be removed. Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous ornamental trees.	Remove flammable vegetation within 10ft. of all roads, streets or driveways.
Post street address visible from street minimum 4" numbers		

Running Springs Fire Dept. follows all applicable State and County Codes

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