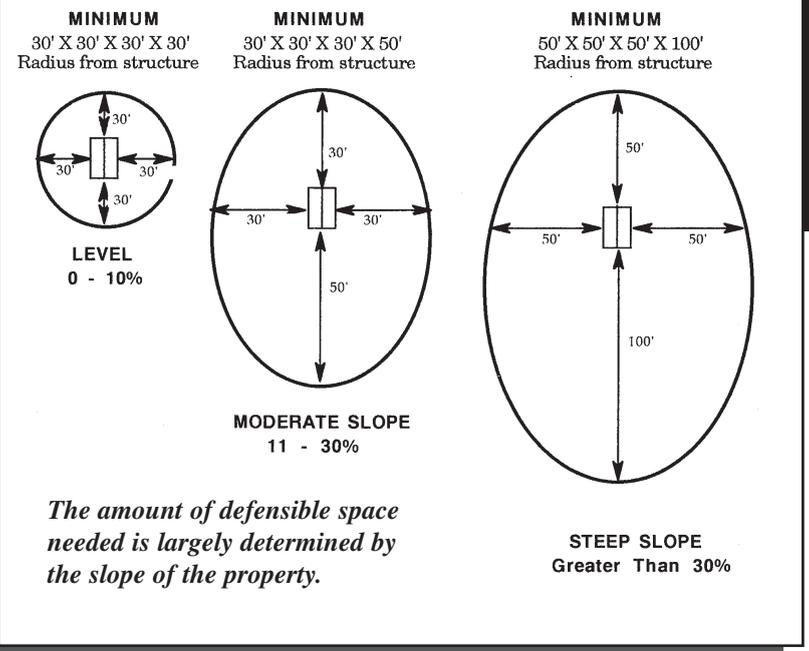
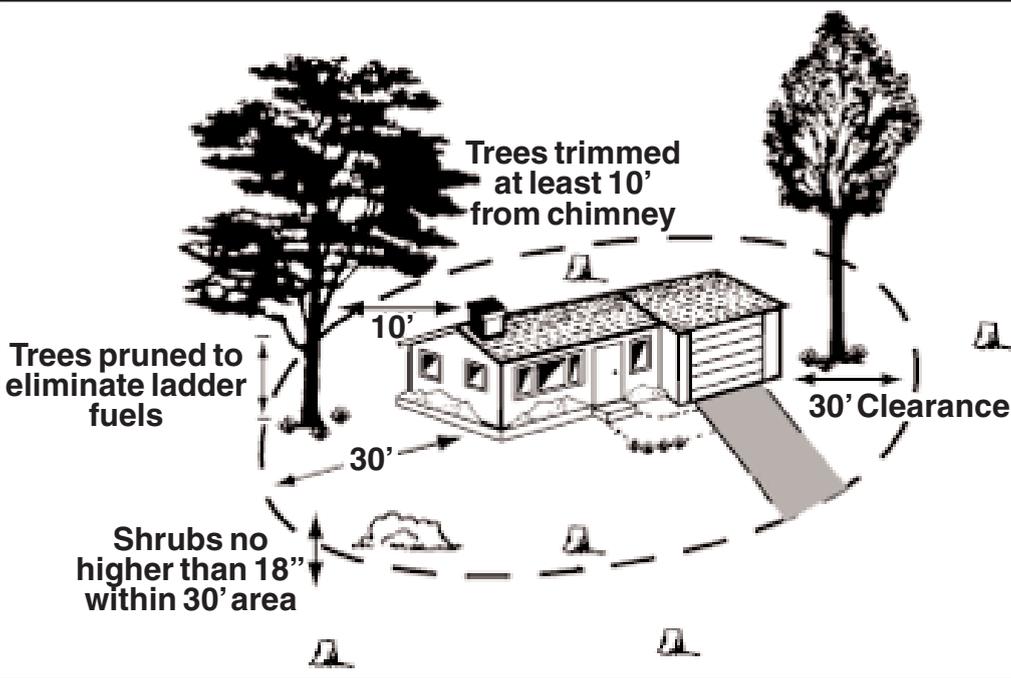


# Defensible Space

Space between structures and vegetation which makes it possible for firefighters to safely defend a structure.

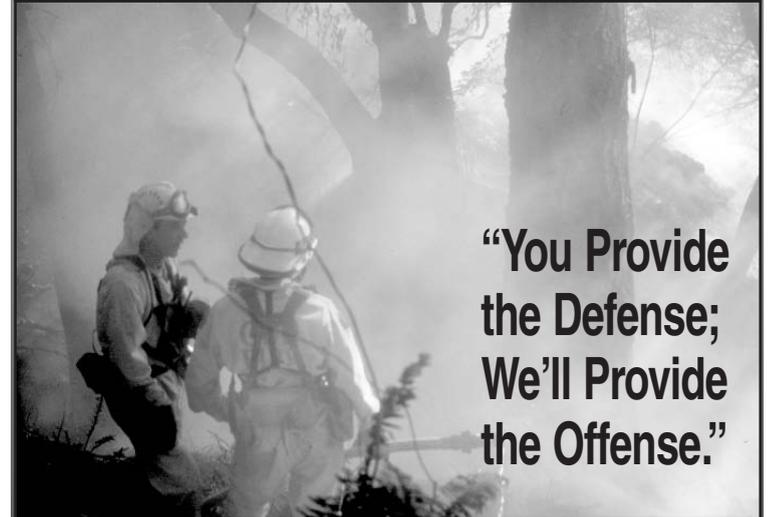


## Reasons People Don't Do It

- "I didn't know I was supposed to."
- "It [wildfire] won't happen to me."
- "It's all a matter of fate."
- "It's not my responsibility—I pay taxes."
- "I don't have the time or the money."
- "If I lose my house, my insurance company will cover it."
- "It won't look good."
- "It's wrong to cut trees."
- "If it was important, my insurance company would give me a break on my premium."
- "I don't have an easy way of getting rid of the stuff."
- "I don't want to do the work."
- "It's not my house."

## Reasons Why They Should

- Firefighters cannot defend houses engulfed in flaming vegetation because it is too unsafe.
- Fire hazard reduction can increase property value.
- Your defensible space helps protect your neighbors too.
- It's required by California law.
- Usually whole trees don't have to be removed, just the lower branches.
- Insurance companies may challenge a claim or cancel coverage.



**"You Provide the Defense; We'll Provide the Offense."**

**Help Firefighters Protect Your Home.**