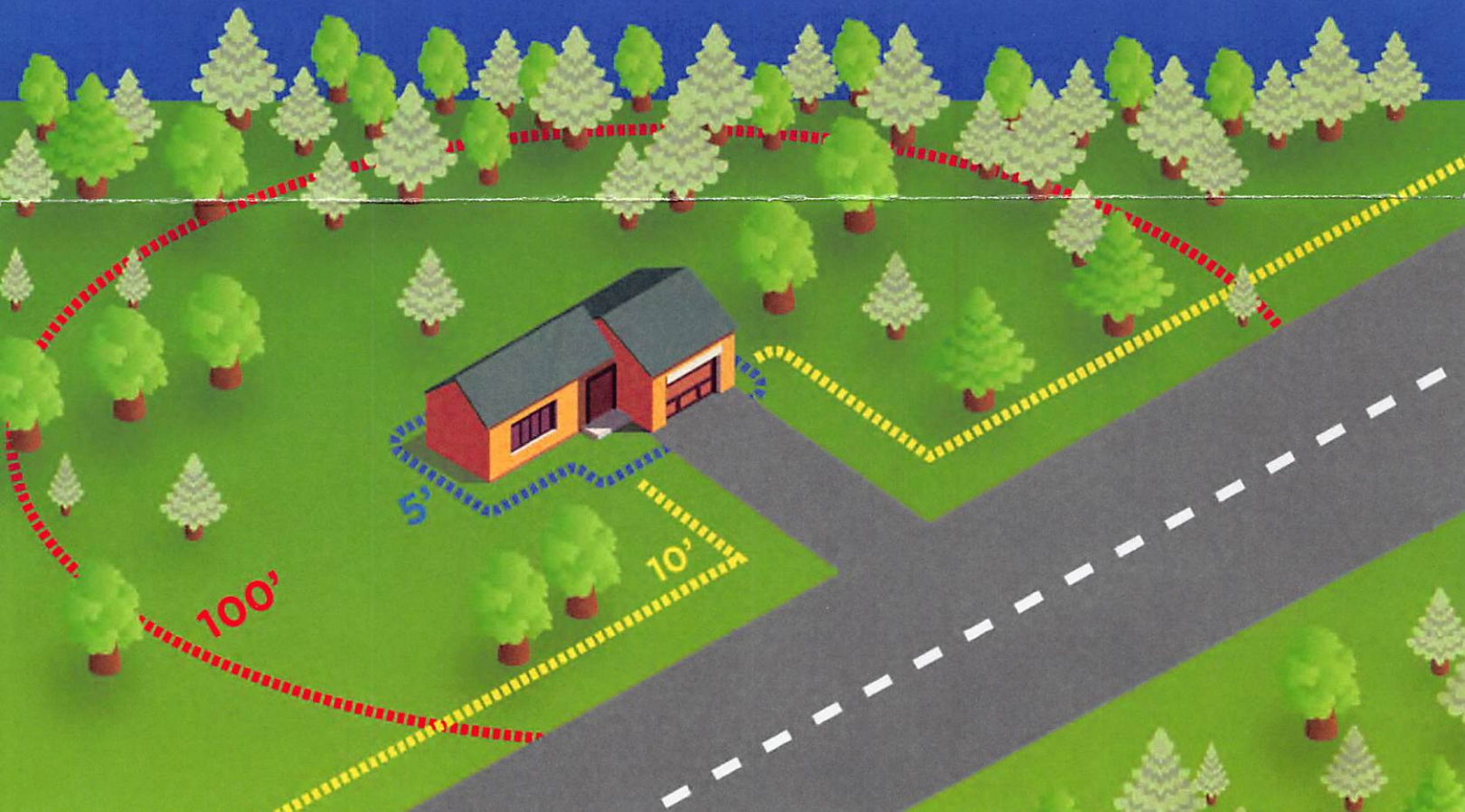


Butte County DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Butte County Chapter 38A

All property owners are required to comply with defensible space and fuel reduction requirements
It's your responsibility, and it's the law

**START FROM THE HOUSE OUT
RATHER THAN FROM THE WILDLAND IN**
BECAUSE MOST HOMES BURN FROM FLYING EMBERS



THESE GUIDELINES ARE TO BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY AND MAINTAINED YEAR-ROUND

DEFEND YOUR HOME FROM BLOWING EMBERS

Radius: Within 5 ft. of structures

- Use noncombustible materials: rock, stone pavers, cement, bare earth, gravel, or sand.
- Choose low-growing, high-moisture plants: flowers, ground covers, green lawns.
- Remove plants and shrubs near windows and under eaves.
- Remove leaves and needles from roof and rain gutters.
- Clear plants and flammable items from around and under decks.
- Remove dead branches near or over your roof and 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Remove leaves, needles, or other debris from your roof.
- Mature tree canopy should be no closer than ten (10) feet to the edge of any building

REDUCE HEAT AND SPREAD OF FLAMES

Radius: 5ft. to 100ft. from structure or property line

- Trees and shrubs shall be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up the continuity of vegetation across the landscape.
- Create vertical spacing between grass, brush, and trees.
- Trees shall be pruned to six (6) feet from the ground, or 1/3 of overall height.
- Mow grasses and weeds to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- For larger lots past the 100 foot barrier, reduce all accumulation of combustible material, dead or dying trees, or green waste from the property line when it encroaches on the required 100 feet of defensible space of structures or buildings on the adjacent property.

TRAVEL WAYS

- Create a minimum 10-foot buffer on both sides by clearing all flammable vegetation down to 4 inches or less.
- Trim all overhanging tree branches to a minimum height of 14 feet.
- Remove all dead vegetation within 10 feet of the roadside.

Undeveloped Properties

- It is not permitted to allow an accumulation of combustible material, dead or dying trees, or green waste on an unimproved parcel's property line when it encroaches on the 100-foot Defensible Space requirements of a structure or building on the adjacent property.
- Parcels greater than 1.25 acres in a sphere of influence require a 30-foot firebreak along the parcel line.
- Parcels less than 1.25 acres in a sphere of influence require a firebreak on the entire parcel.

You are in violation if:

Property owners who fail to comply with Defensible Space and fuel reduction requirements are in violation of the Butte County Chapter 38A Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance, and may be subject to administrative abatement procedures.

Other Resources

Readyforwildfire.org
Buttefiresafe.net
Buttecounty.net/fire
Fire.ca.gov

