

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Mountain Defensible Space Guidelines
San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement (909) 387-4123

WITHIN 15' OF STRUCTURE	WITHIN 30' OF STRUCTURE	WITHIN 100' OF STRUCTURE OR TO PROPERTY LINE
Remove combustible debris.	Remove combustible debris.	Remove combustible debris.
Maintain weeds/grasses (4" or less)	Maintain weeds/grasses (4" or less)	Maintain weeds/grasses (4" or less)
In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches and leaf litter.	In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches and leaf litter.	In and under all plants, trees and shrubs remove all dead branches 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'—all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up 6'. Limbs should be cut no less than ¼ inch from the trunk.	On trees taller than 12'—all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up 6'. Limbs should be cut no less than ¼ inch from the trunk.	On trees taller than 12'—all foliage and branches must be removed from the ground up 6'. Limbs should be cut no less than ¼ inch from the trunk.
On and under all shrubs—lower foliage must be removed up to 18 inches from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.	On and under all shrubs—lower foliage must be removed up to 18 inches from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.	On and under all shrubs—lower foliage must be removed up to 18 inches from the ground and also removal of leaf litter and dead vegetation.
Remove tree limbs (not trunks) less than 10' away from chimney and stovepipes.	Remove trunks or branches less than 4" in diameter from the ground, not including split and neatly stacked firewood.	Remove trunks or branches less than 4" in diameter from the ground, not including split and neatly stacked firewood.
<p>All shrubs that produce high-energy-release components and are considered high fire fuels: Manzanita, service berry, mountain whitethorn, sage, ironwood, juniper shrubs, Spanish broom and other species as determined by the County Fire Chief/Fire Warden must be removed.</p> <p>Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous ornamental plants.</p>	<p>All trees with trunks smaller than 4" in diameter that stand within 10' of another tree must be removed.</p> <p>Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous ornamental trees.</p>	Remove flammable vegetation within 10' of a roadway or driveway, regardless of distance from structure.
Remove leaves, needles or other dead vegetation on roof or structures.	<p>All high-energy-release shrubs must be separated by a space double the size of the tallest shrub.</p> <p>Not to include well maintained low energy deciduous ornamental plants.</p>	