

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY DIVISION

Create a defensible space to protect your home from a wildfire



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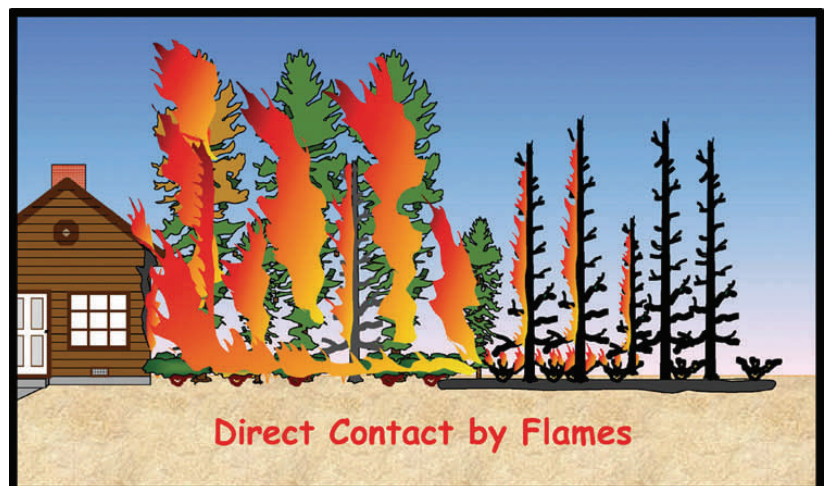


NW Oregon has been relatively quiet as far as major wildfires are concerned. Yet they have happened here before, and they will happen again so if you live with the woods near your home it's only smart to prepare your home for when a wildfire does strike our area. That all starts with creating a defensible space around your home.



Start with the first 30 feet around your home. Make sure that no trees are touching your home and your landscaping consists of native and fire resistant plants. Do not store firewood so that it comes in direct contact with the home and limit anything like bark dust or plants up against the home's siding. Keep this 30 feet of area clean and brush free at all times.

Once you get beyond the initial 30 feet, you'll want to protect your home with at least an additional 70 feet where you cut out all dead or dying vegetation, and remove brush and tree limbs within 8 feet of the ground. This will help stop a fire from burning in the trees and spreading to your home.



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