

Checklist for “Firesafe Landscaping”

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Check Accessibility: to the property, to the house, to water

Ready the house Clean out ALL debris on roof and landscape including gutters

Adjust house for ember denial

Correct fire ladders

Use 1/8” vent screening and ash blockers (Vulcan Vent Ver2 9964600204 or check online, many sizes available)

Box in eaves

Use metal screen over dual pane windows

NO attached wooden fences

NO aerial wood decks

Consider a residence fire sprinkler system

Ready the landscape

Review your fire insurance

Have and practice evacuation plans for you and your critters

Add your Mobile phone and get the app from www.readysandiego.org

Thin and clean Home Defense Area out to 50 feet and mulch mid-winter with small chipped mulch. Rework landscape if you have to.

Severely clean 50-100 foot area to eliminate fuel ladders and to give our firefighters space to do their work.

CONCLUSIONS

- You need to comply with all local fire codes and regs
- Review your landscape and lot for resistance to fire incursion
- Review your and your family’s overall fire readiness
- Harden your home against airborne ember incursion
- Following good defensible space guidelines, edit your existing landscape as needed to achieve low density, hydrated mulched plantings and hardscape features
- Repeat: Review, reduce, hydrate, renew and maintain

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