

7. DEFENSIBLE SPACE CONCEPT

Defensible space is the area within the perimeter of a parcel, development, neighborhood and community where basic wildland fire protection practices and measures are implemented, providing the key point of defense from an approaching wildfire or escaping structure fire.

Each and every resident and wildland user must understand the steps necessary to act in a fire-safe manner. Residents must accept the responsibility of self-protection by implementing the recommendations. Established and maintained **emergency vehicle access**, **emergency water reserves**, **street names** and **building identification**, and **fuel modification** measures characterize the defensible area. The CDF provides guidance to local jurisdictions, agencies, professionals and the public in implementing these measures.

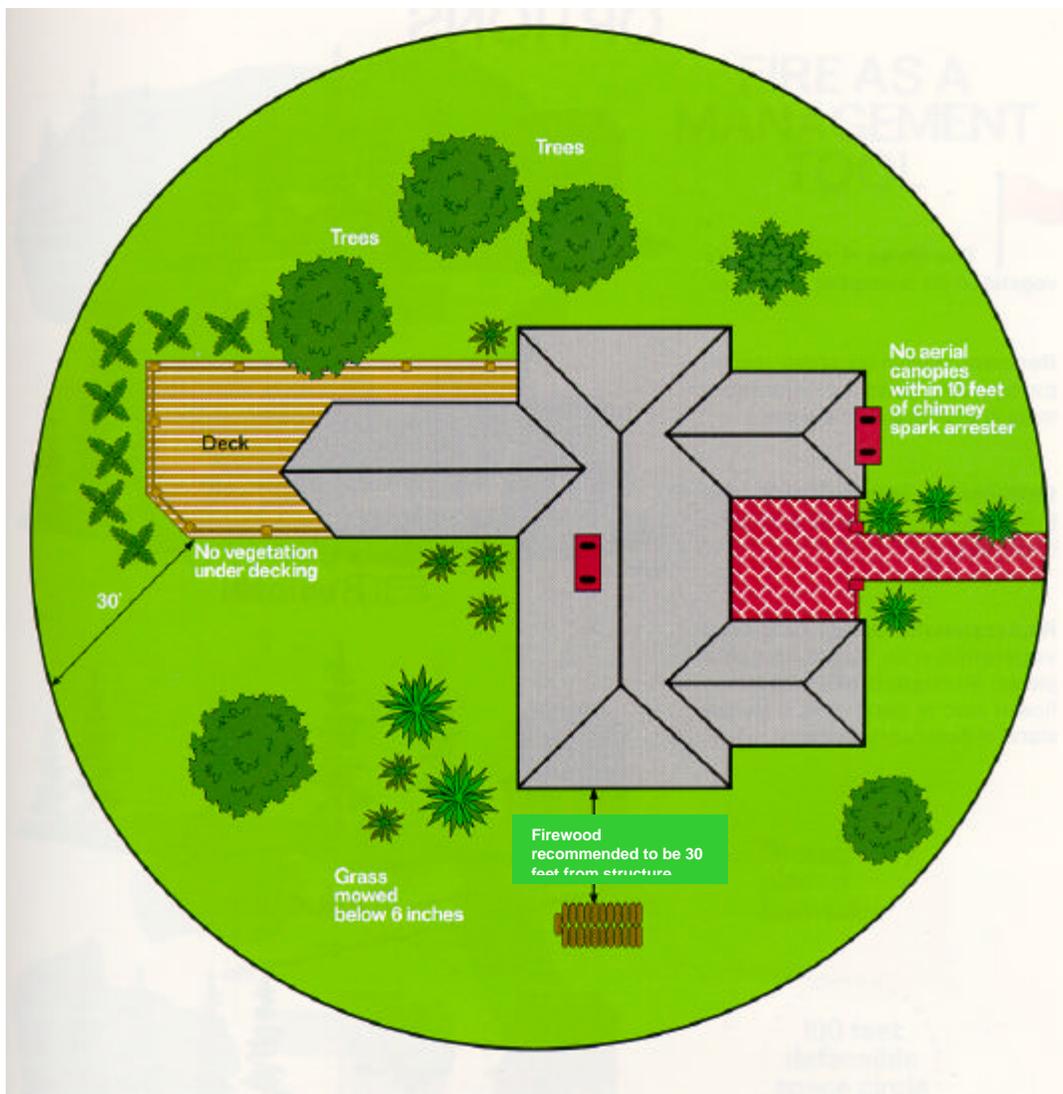


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