

# July Firewise Focus: Lean, Green, and Mean



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## **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

Defensible space is the buffer you create between your home and any wildland area that surrounds it. Keep your property lean and green to help protect your family, home, and firefighters.

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## **LEAN, CLEAN AND GREEN ZONE**

Extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc. or to your property line, whichever is closer.

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Create a 10 foot clearance between branches and your roof and chimney
- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Relocate wood piles
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks, balconies and stairs.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.
- Pay attention to the nooks and crannies around the home. Eliminate fire starters such as dryer lint and pine needles. Check for branches and leaves hiding in roof shingles, gutters, foundation cracks, landscaping, shrubs, and underneath decks or outdoor stairs.