

DEFENSIBLE SPACE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a list of contractors that can do this work?

Tahoe Donner does not maintain a preferred list of contractors. However, there is a list of contractors on the Tahoe Donner website under Defensible Space/Landscaping/Tree Service at tahoedonner.com/businessdirectory.

Visit truckee-fire.org/defensible-space-contractors for a list of contractors. Be sure to ask if they are familiar with the Tahoe Donner Association Defensible Space Program.

When/What is my compliance due date?

Your compliance due date is listed at the top of the Notice of Required Maintenance Letter that was emailed and mailed to you.

Do I need a permit to remove trees?

Trees marked/flagged by the Tahoe Donner Forestry Department for item #11 are permitted for removal. If you wish to remove additional trees on the property larger than four inches in diameter measured at three feet off the ground, a tree removal permit is required.

What do I do with the material/debris/wood?

Tahoe Donner has a chipping program for all green material less than eight inches in diameter. The chipping program runs from June through the end of September. See the Tahoe Donner website for guidelines. Small debris and dead material can either be placed in your green waste bins or hauled to the landfill. Requests for chipping MUST be made at tahoedonner.com/chipping-program.

For more methods of green waste disposal, visit keeptruckeegreen.org.

Can I do the work myself?

You can do the work yourself. After you feel the work is complete, you may request a reinspection by visiting tahoedonner.com/defensible-space and completing the reinspection request form.

For more frequently asked questions and additional information, please visit tahoedonner.com/land-forestry.

NEED A CONTRACTOR OR LOCAL BUSINESS?

Looking for landscaping, contracting, cleaning or other services? Check out our directory for local businesses that serve the Tahoe Donner community. From painting and interior design to defensible space and driveway sealing, find help at TAHOEDONNER.COM/BUSINESSDIRECTORY.

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DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM



2023

ABOUT THE TAHOE DONNER DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM

The U.S. Forest Service records show that, over the last 35 years, over 150 fires burned in or within a two-mile radius of Tahoe Donner. Defensible space is your property's/home's front-line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and improve the safety of firefighters defending your property.

One of the goals of the Forestry Department is to help homeowners bring their properties into compliance with state, local and association fire safety standards.

INSPECTIONS

The Forestry Department assesses each property every six years for compliance. Areas subject to inspection in 2023 include properties located on **Andermatt Lane, Wolfgang Road, Pinnacle Loop, Alder Creek Road, Oberwald Way, Parsenn Road, Stockholm Way, Fjord Road, St. Moritz Lane, Hillside Drive, Gyrfalcon Street, Solvang Way, Staghorn Drive, Oslo Drive, Winter Avenue, Landeau Lane, Julian Avenue, Muhlebach Way, Roundhill Drive, Hansel Avenue and Pathway Avenue.**

FIREASIDE RESIDENT REPORTS

The Forestry Department has adopted new inspection software from FireAside that aids inspectors in evaluating properties and providing homeowners a detailed report of their findings, including a parcel-specific list of requirements, location and photos of each issue and recommendations for individuals wanting to take additional steps. Following inspections, FireAside's resident reports are sent via email to property owners. These reports provide a checklist of compliance to-dos and reminders so residents can prioritize and resolve each issue, and also include a convenient button to request curbside chipping service.

REQUEST A REINSPECTION

IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ITEMS ON YOUR FORESTRY INSPECTION REPORT (FIR)

Visit tahoedonner.com/defensible-space and complete the reinspection request form.

WHAT INSPECTORS ARE LOOKING FOR



On **DEVELOPED LOTS**, the following items to be completed on the property:

- ☐ Pine needles on the ground must be removed within 10 feet of all structures
- ☐ Pine needles must be removed from the roof of all structures
- ☐ No vegetation/branches within 10 feet of the roof, eaves and chimney or propane tank
- ☐ All combustible material removed from under decks and next to structures
- ☐ Firewood must be managed per Covenants Rules
- ☐ All dry, flammable vegetation and woody debris between 1/2-inch and 12 inches in diameter must be removed (not including pine needles)
- ☐ For trees greater than 15 feet in height, all branches must be removed six feet from the ground to the lowest point of the branch
- ☐ For trees smaller than 15 feet in height, remove the lower branches for 1/3 of the trunk
- ☐ All dead and beetle-infested trees removed
- ☐ Brush must be managed per Covenants Rules
- ☐ Excessively dense tree cover must be thinned (generally trees under 10 inches in diameter that are growing without proper spacing from one another or growing under the canopy of larger trees)

Visit tahoedonner.com/defensible-space for additional information and requirements for **UNDEVELOPED LOTS**.

Remember: The Covenants & Restrictions require that each lot be maintained to prevent fire hazards. Failure to do so may result in a hearing before the Covenants Committee with the possible result of a fine being assessed until the required work has been completed.

Tahoe Donner Forestry inspectors will walk through your property in order to complete the defensible space inspections. Authority for these inspections comes from the state of California Public Resources Code 4291, Truckee Fire Protection District ordinance 94-1 and Tahoe Donner Association C&Rs Article VIII, Section1 (a) iii and iv.

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS



TRUCKEE FIRE GREEN WASTE DUMPSTER REBATE PROGRAM

Funds from Measure T will reimburse you up to \$75 towards the cost of a six-yard green waste dumpster rental so you can remove vegetation and create defensible space around your home. Simply provide a paid receipt from the Eastern Regional Landfill and Truckee Fire will reimburse you up to \$75 - while funds last! See more details at truckeefire.org/defensible-space-rebate-program.



SELF/CONTRACTOR HAUL

Drop off up to six yards of yard waste at Eastern Regional Landfill (ERL) for free from May-October. You will receive an address-specific punch card to track yards dropped off. Proof of residency required to qualify, such as an ID or trash bill.

Punch cards are transferable! Contractors can also drop off yard waste at ERL for free by using the resident's punch card. (The resident must be present to be issued the card with proof of residency.)



GREEN WASTE CARTS

▶ In Tahoe Donner, trash and recycling pickup day is **Tuesday**.

▶ Green yard waste carts will be picked up **every other Tuesday through November 28, 2023**.

Place yard waste directly into cart and close lid flush. Cart must be three feet away from other objects with wheels facing away from street for pickup.

JUNE	13 + 27	SEPTEMBER	5 + 19
JULY	11 + 25	OCTOBER	3 + 17 + 31
AUGUST	8 + 22	NOVEMBER	14 + 28

▶ Still need a green waste cart? Order one today at keepertruckeegreen.org.