

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/business-directory.

Visit truckeefire.org/dspace 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 45 days after the initial inspection. Your compliance due date is also listed at the top of the Notice of Non-Compliance 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 tree-thinning 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. For questions or to get a permit, call the Tahoe Donner Forestry Department at (530) 587-9432 or email defensiblespace@tahoedonner.com.

Can I do the work myself?

Most people hire a contractor, however, 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.

When will the material/debris/wood stacked in front of my house/property be picked up?

Truckee Fire Protection District uses Measure T funding to offer free green waste pickup. Visit truckeefire.org/greenwaste for information on eligible green waste, pile requirements and to make a reservation. **Reservations required. Do NOT stack piles under low hanging utility lines; there needs to be 15 feet of vertical clearance from top of pile to lowest hanging utility line.**

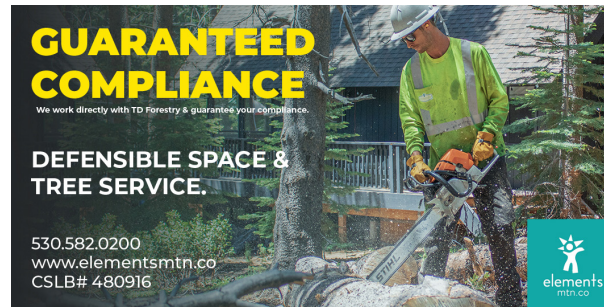
For green waste removal options from the town of Truckee, visit keeptruckeegreen.org.

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



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. 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 and laws. The Forestry Department inspects each property every six years for compliance.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE REPORTS

The Forestry Department uses inspection software to evaluate properties and provide homeowners with a detailed online report, including a list of requirements, location and photos of each issue and recommendations for individuals wanting to take additional steps. Following inspections, an access link and code for the defensible space report is 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.

REQUEST A REINSPECTION

If you have completed the items in your resident report, visit tahoedonner.com/defensible-space and complete the reinspection request form.

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

- **GREEN WASTE PICKUP/CHIPPING PROGRAM** is now managed by Truckee Fire Protection District through Measure T funding. Request green waste pickup online via truckeefire.org/greenwaste. **Reservations required.**
- **GREEN WASTE ROLLING CARTS** with service every other Tuesday from spring through fall. To opt in or learn more, visit keeptruckeegreen.org.
- **GREEN WASTE DUMPSTER RENTAL** with a rebate program through Truckee Fire Protection District. Learn more at truckeefire.org/greenwaste.
- **SELF/CONTRACTOR HAUL** six yards of green waste to Eastern Regional Landfill (ERL) for free. There are also free drop-off events around Truckee. Learn more at keeptruckeegreen.org.

WHAT INSPECTORS ARE LOOKING FOR



- ☐ All dry, flammable vegetation and woody debris – like sticks, twigs and pine cones – must be removed (not including pine needles)
- ☐ All combustible material and vegetation removed from under decks and next to structures
- ☐ 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 (Fig. 1)
- ☐ Firewood must be managed per Covenants Rules and be stacked neatly 30 feet away from all structures, but can be closer if firewood is securely covered by a fire-resistant tarp
- ☐ For trees greater than 15 feet in height, all branches must be removed 6 feet from the ground to the lowest point of the branch (i.e. no branches can hang within 6 feet of the ground) (Fig. 2)
- ☐ For trees smaller than 15 feet in height, remove the lower branches to 1/3 of the tree
- ☐ 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) (Fig. 3)
- ☐ All dead and beetle-infested trees must be removed
- ☐ Brush must be managed per Covenants Rules and may not be under a tree or within 10 feet from a structure (as well as following size and space requirements: from 10 to 30 feet from a structure, brush clumps can have a maximum diameter of 5 feet with 20 feet of separation between clumps; and from 30 feet from a structure to the lot line, brush clumps can have a maximum diameter of 10 feet with 15 feet of separation between clumps) (Fig. 4)
- ☐ Dead brush must be removed

Visit tahoedonner.com/defensible-space for additional information. 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 possible fines being assessed.

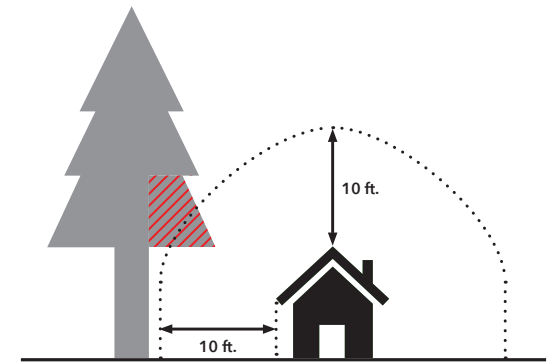


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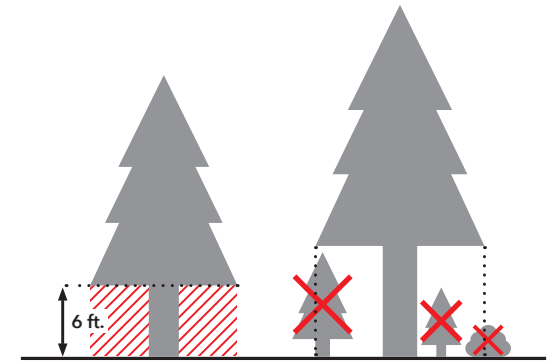


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

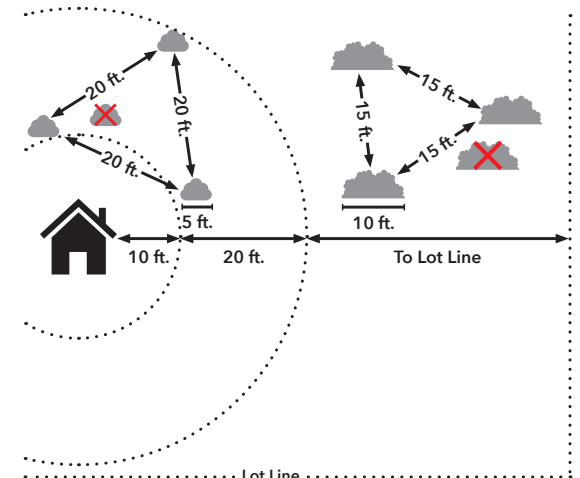


Fig. 4

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 02-2012 and Tahoe Donner Association C&Rs Article VIII, Section1 (a) iii and iv.