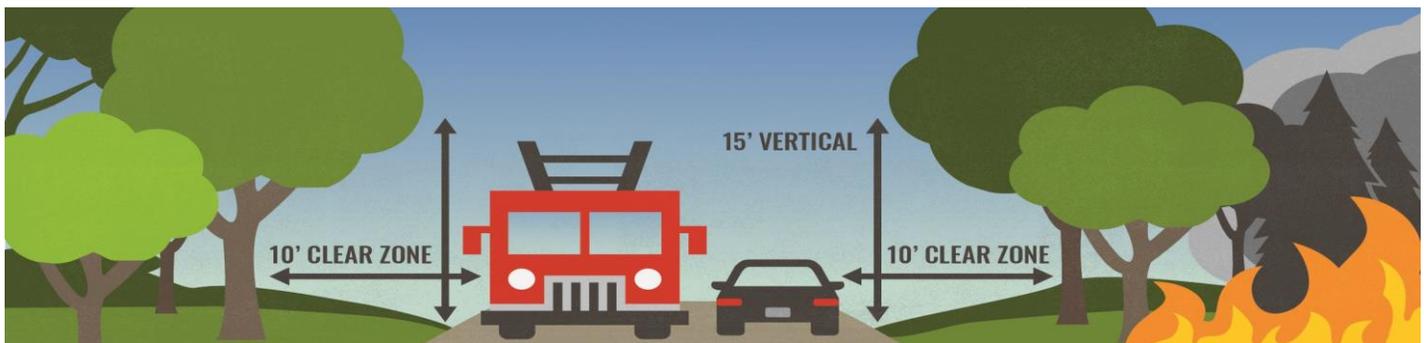
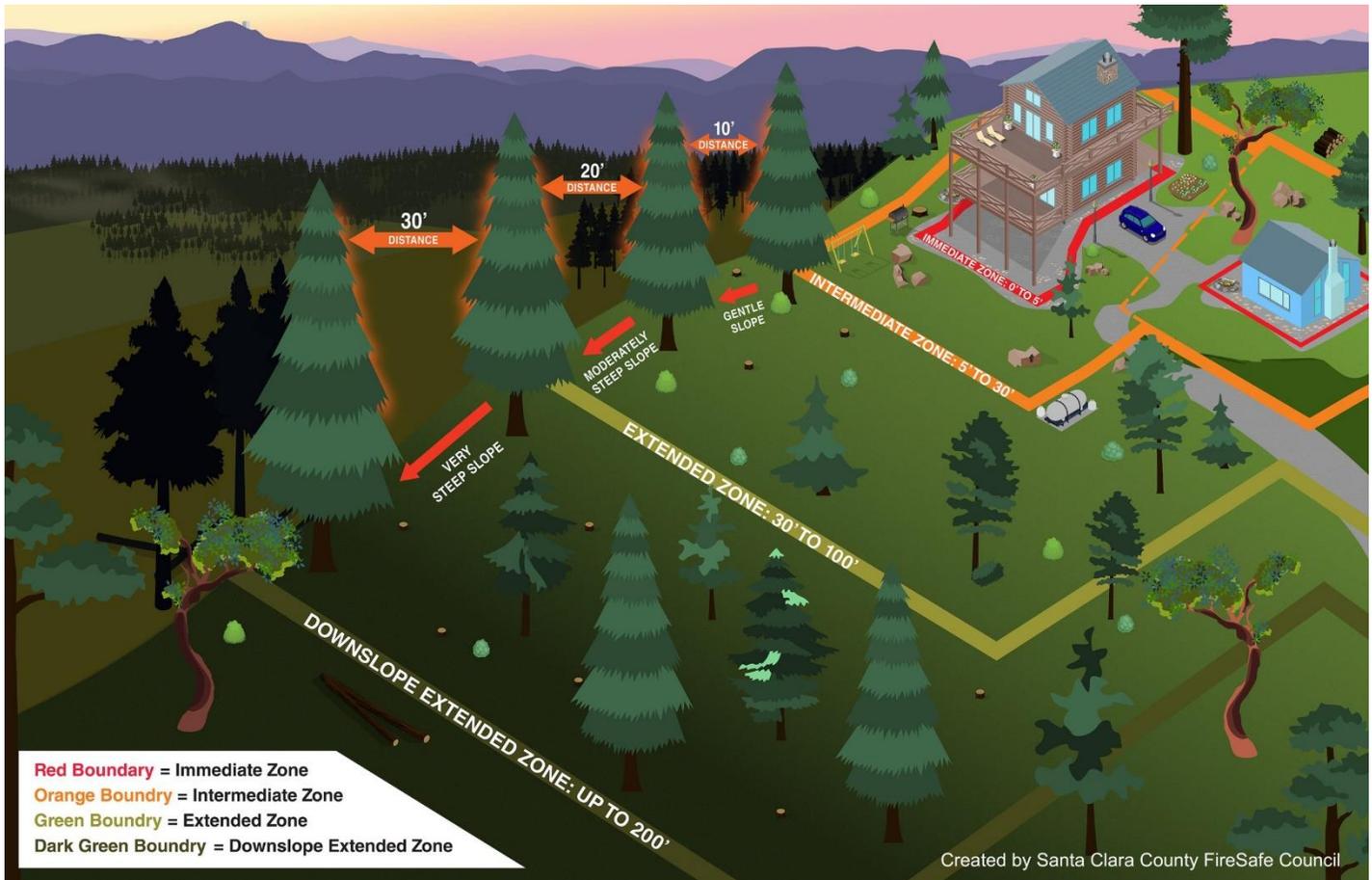


**Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance**

Nevada County has updated Nevada County Ordinance 2477 (Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance). Please see below for the new information.

# ARE YOUR HOME, DRIVEWAY AND ROADWAY **READY?**

**Defensible space works.** Defensible space around your home and along your roadway is required by the County of Nevada Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a structure or road on your property and the fuels that surround it. Fuel can take many forms like grasses, trees, and shrubs. When you create defensible space, you help slow the spread of wildfire and provide access for firefighters and first responders to more safely defend your home.



**Section G-IV 7.4 Nuisance Declared; Duty to Abate Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material. Section G-IV 7.4(c)**

1. Maintain a defensible space of one hundred (100') feet from each side and from the front and rear of the Structure, but not beyond the property line except as provided by law.
2. Maintain a one hundred (100') foot wide area of land around Structure(s) located on an adjacent Improved Parcel (some or all of this defensible space requirement may be required on an adjacent parcel depending upon the location of the Structure on the Improved Parcel).
3. Maintain free of Ladder Fuels a minimum of a 10-foot wide strip of land beyond the edge of the driving surface including the shoulder of a roadway serving as primary ingress and egress to the parcel, to a height of fifteen (15') feet along the boundary of a Parcel.
4. Remove the portion of a tree that extends within 10 feet of the outline of a chimney, stovepipe or roofline of structures.
5. Climbing vines must be removed from trees and Structures within the one hundred (100') foot defensible space zone around Structure(s).
6. Maintain a tree, shrub, or other plant adjacent to or overhanging a building free of dead or dying wood.
7. Maintain the roof of a Structure free of leaves, needles, or other vegetative materials.
8. Maintain the Parcel free of ladder fuels within the one hundred (100') foot Defensible Space area around Structure(s).
9. Provide a minimum of 10 feet clearance of all combustible material and hazardous vegetation surrounding propane tanks, generators, privately owned power poles, and fuel storage tanks.
10. Maintain a five-foot ember-resistant zone around structures and underneath decks, stairs, porches or other combustible material attached to structures.
11. Improved and unimproved parcels less than or equal to one acre in size may be treated as a Fuel Modification Area for the entirety of the parcel within the discretion of the public official

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