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DEFENSIBLE
SPACE?

10 DEFENSIBLE SPACE TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

***Defensible space** is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. Proper **defensible space** can slow or stop the spread of wildfire and help protect your home.*

- ☐ **Remove** dead and combustible vegetation, mulch, and other materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home. Replace with decorative rock or gravel.
- ☐ **Remove** leaves, pine needles, and other combustible material from the roof, gutters, and on & under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting the home.
- ☐ **Cover** exterior attic, soffit vents, and areas below decks & patios with 1/8" metal wire mesh to help prevent embers from entering the home.
- ☐ **Replace** combustible materials with non-combustible materials on decks.
- ☐ **Enclose** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- ☐ **Inspect** shingles (asphalt, fiberglass, composite) or roof tiles and replace missing shingles or tiles.
- ☐ Keep lawns **watered** and mowed during fire season.
- ☐ **Move** combustible materials such as woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- ☐ **Trim** trees and remove or trim brush/bushes and ground cover plants under trees or next to structures or decks.
- ☐ **Chip, compost, or haul** yard debris to a recycling center. Follow local fire regulations if burning debris.

For questions or more information about defensible space, contact the **Oregon State Fire Marshal** at osfm.defensiblespace@osfm.oregon.gov.