



DEFENSIBLE SPACE ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Trees and shrubs are properly thinned and pruned within the defensible space. Slash from thinning is disposed.
 - Roof and gutters are clear of debris.
 - Branches overhanging the roof and chimney are removed.
 - Chimney screens are in place and in good condition
 - Grass and weeds are mowed to a low height.
 - An outdoor water supply is available, complete with a hose and nozzle that can reach all parts of the house.
 - Fire extinguishers are checked and in working order.
 - The driveway is wide enough. Clearance of trees and branches is adequate for fire and emergency equipment. (Check with your local fire department.)
 - Road signs and your name and house number are posted and easily visible.
 - There is an easily accessible tool storage area with rakes, hoes, axes and shovels for use in case of fire.
 - You have practiced family fire drills and your fire evacuation plan.
 - Your escape routes, meeting points and other details are known and understood by all family members.
 - Attic, roof, eaves, and foundation vents are screened and in good condition. Stilt foundations and decks are enclosed, screened or walled up.
 - Trash and debris accumulations are removed from the defensible space.
 - A checklist for fire safety needs inside the home is available from your local fire department.
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