



CAL FIRE in cooperation with San Diego County Fire

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CAL FIRE San Diego Resumes Defensible Space Inspections

El Cajon – As the region and state emerge from six years of relentless drought CAL FIRE is poised to increase the number of inspections conducted by their Defensible Space Inspection (DSI) program. In anticipation of the increased workload CAL FIRE has hired additional personnel for the expressed purpose of conducting inspections in many unincorporated communities of San Diego County. “Defensible space clearing is the single most important thing that home owners can do to protect their homes from damaging wildfires. If residents clear 100 feet around their homes, the chances that firefighters will be successful in protecting their homes goes up.” said Fire Captain Specialist Kevin McCully, who oversees the DSI program for CAL FIRE San Diego.

CAL FIRE enforces a standard ordinance based on the Public Resources Code for defensible space although local jurisdictions can adopt an ordinance that either meets or exceeds the State’s requirements. Residents are encouraged to contact their local jurisdiction for the specific requirements in their area which could be more stringent than CAL FIRE’s.

CAL FIRE would like to remind the public to use caution when clearing their property. Lawn mowers and other powered equipment can and frequently do start fires although their dangers can be minimized by limiting your defensible space work to early morning hours when temperatures are low and humidity levels are high.

For more information and defensible space tips please go to readyforwildfire.org and readysandiego.org or download CAL FIRE’s Ready for Wildfire app which is available in the Apple App store and the Google Play store.

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