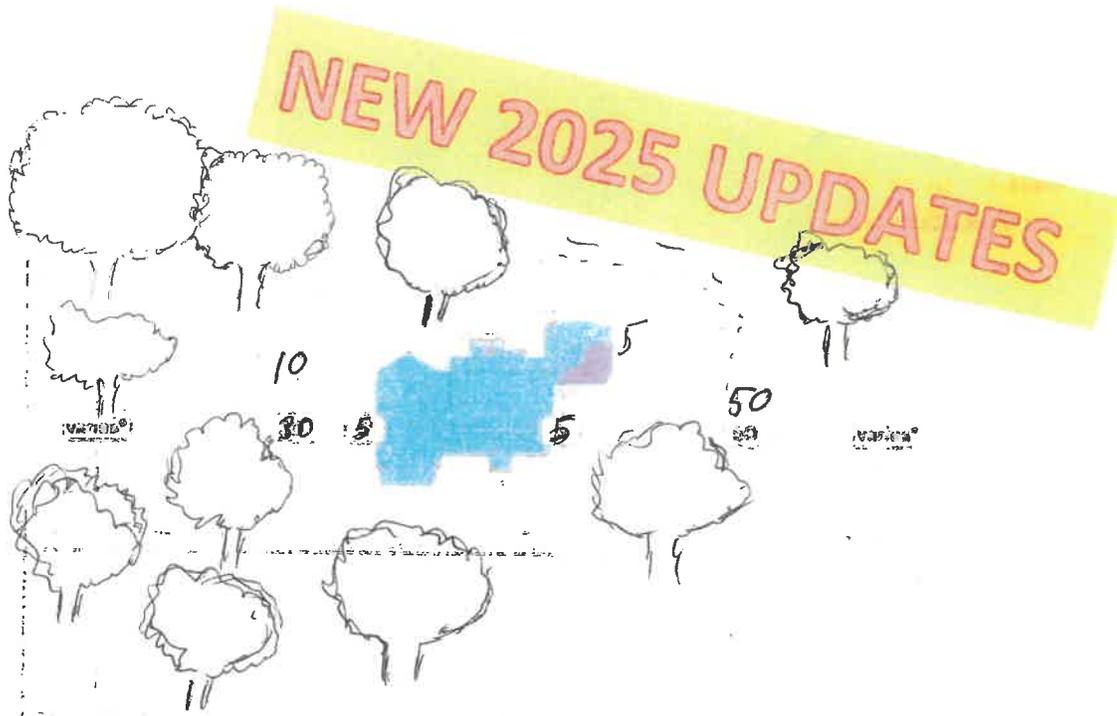




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CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE



Defensible Space is the area surrounding your home that can help protect it from loss or damage in a wildfire. Protection from flying embers is of primary importance and all homes within the VHFSZ should be equipped with Home Hardening measures.

Zone A – Areas within 5 feet of structures must be maintained as Ember Resistant Zones, removing any objects or materials that would likely be ignited by embers.

In Zones B & C it is important to preserve and restore native plant species that are fire resistant or drought tolerant, or both, to minimize erosion, minimize the spread of flammable nonnative grasses and weeds and minimize water consumption.

Zone B - Areas within 30 feet of structures: Hazardous Vegetation should be removed from this area, and none should be planted or maintained here. Instead, fire resistant native and climate adapted plants and trees should be planted here and maintained in good health.

Zone C - Areas within 200 feet of structures and/or 10 feet of roadside surfaces or combustible fence: Grass, flammable weeds and all hazardous vegetation or combustible growth shall be cleared or cut to 3 inches in height. This does not apply to trees, shrubs, plants or ground cover, including native plants, as long as any dead wood or combustible material is removed.

Hazardous Vegetation includes, but is not limited to, conifers (Cedar, Cypress, Fir, Juniper and Pine), Eucalyptus, Acacia, Palm Trees and Pampas Grass. Additionally, invasive plants including Fountain Grass, Pampas Grass, Giant Cane/Arundo, Black Mustard, Castor Bean, Pride of Madeira, Sticks-of-Fire, Oleanders and Tree Tobacco. Many palms are receptive to embers and once ignited, difficult to extinguish. Palms should be avoided and/ or removed in fire hazard severity zones because they are receptive to embers.

To review ALL enforceable Brush Clearance requirements, visit [VMS3.lafd.org](https://vms3.lafd.org) "Clearance Requirement."