

## **SIERRA SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SSOA) FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY RULES**

### **FOR PROPERTIES IN THE SSOA WITH A RESIDENCE OR STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY**

Lots or acreage shall be maintained in such a manner as to meet the defensible space requirements of Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291. Owners are required to adhere to the guidance documents of fuels management mandated by PRC 4291. These documents are published and updated periodically by Cal Fire and are available online at <http://www.fire.ca.gov/>.

SSOA requires residential lots to have a one hundred foot (100') defensible space surrounding any structure. If the 100' exceeds your property line, the defensible space must be maintained to the property line. SSOA Requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Remove combustible debris within 30' of any structure. Dry weeds and grass should be kept to a maximum height of 4-6 inches.
- Remove any portion of a tree that is within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe (State Regulation).
- Combustible materials must be kept not less than 10 feet from gas tanks or containers (CA Fire Code 3807.3).
- The roof and gutters of any structure must be free of leaves, needles or any other combustible debris (State Regulation).
- Remove tree limbs within 6 - 10 feet of the ground according to the slope, not to exceed 1/3 the height of the tree. (Refer to CALFIRE documents.)
- Firewood must be stored 30' away from any structure during fire season, which is defined by CALFIRE. If the structure is closer than 30 feet to the property line, firewood must be stored as far away as possible from the structure.

Property located outside of the 100-foot defensible space shall be maintained to avoid the potential of becoming a fire hazard. Requirements include:

- Remove dead trees and vegetation from the property (Pine needles and leaves shall not exceed a maximum of 3 inches in depth).
- Remove tree limbs within 6 - 10 feet of the ground according to the slope, not to exceed 1/3 the height of the tree.

### **FOR PROPERTIES IN THE SSOA WITH NO RESIDENCE OR STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY**

Lots or acreage shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent them from becoming a fire hazard. Requirements include:

- Remove dead trees and vegetation from the property (Pine needles and leaves shall not exceed a maximum of 3 inches in depth).
- Remove tree limbs within 6 - 10 feet of the ground according to the slope, not to exceed 1/3 the height of the tree.

**Failure to comply with these rules may result in sanctions, fines and loss of SSOA membership privileges under Article 8, section 8.1.4 and section 8.2.10 of the Association bylaws.**