Living With Fire



Creating Defensible Space

One of the most effective ways to protect your property from wildfire is to create space between your home and surrounding vegetation. This buffer zone is known as *defensible space*. This zone is necessary to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and to provide a safe work area for firefighters in case they need to defend your home. In fact, defensible space is required by law (AB 3074) for properties located in *Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones*, which includes the neighborhood surrounding Potrero Canyon. In addition, the park includes a *fuel modification zone* (see park map) where vegetation is managed by the City of Los Angeles to help protect neighboring properties from wildfire.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONES

ZONE 0

The Ember Resistant Zone (0'-5' from all structures)

- Use only non-combustible materials such as gravel, pavers, concrete, etc.
- Avoid combustible wood-based mulch.
- Limit planting in this area to low-growing, non-woody, regularly watered and maintained vegetation.

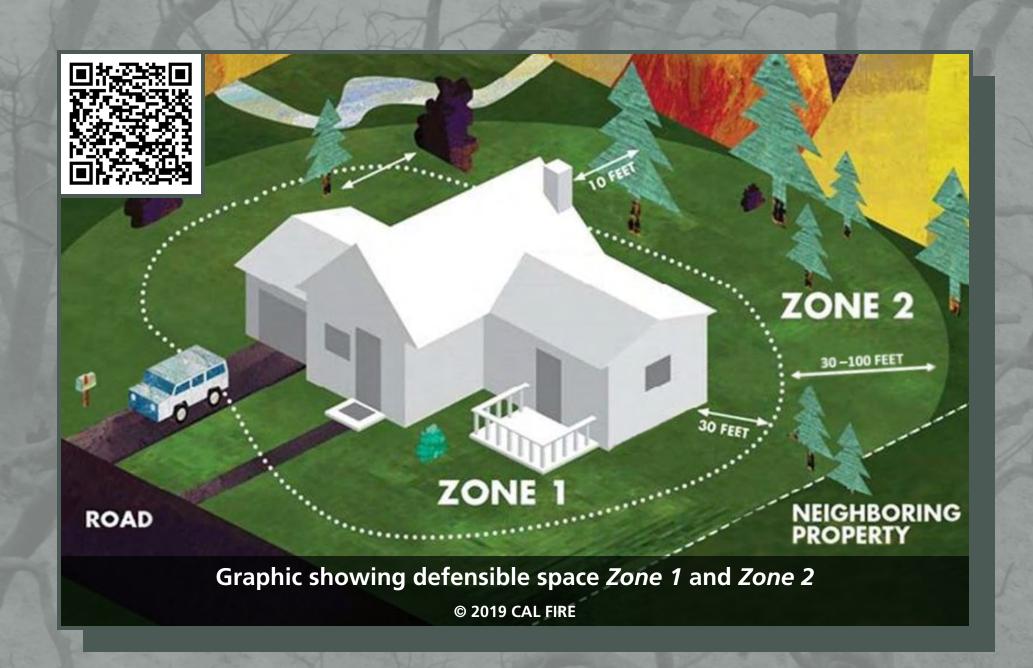
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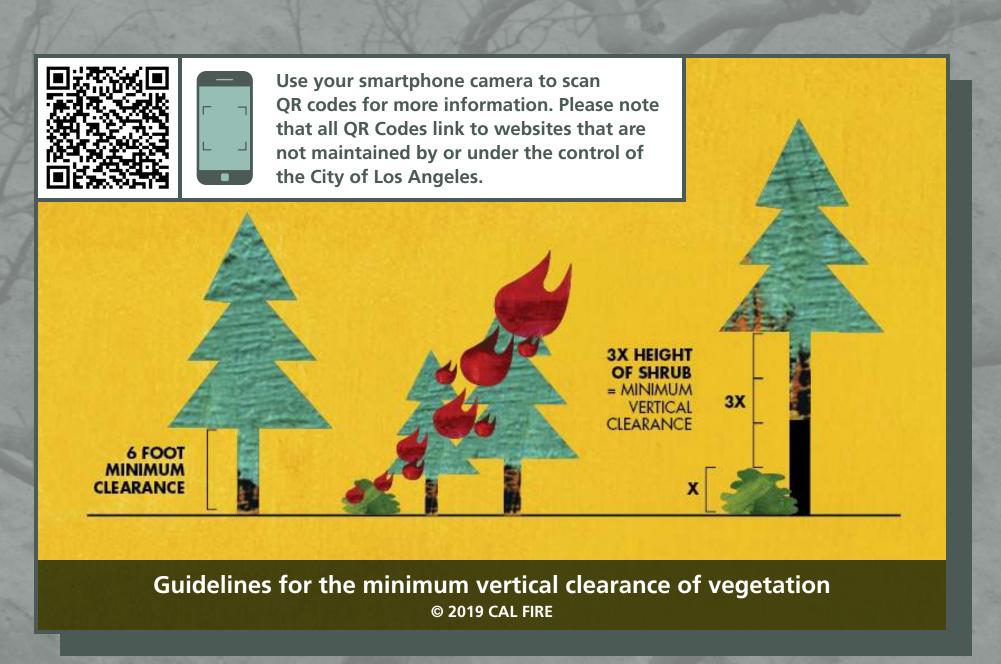
The Lean, Clean and Green Zone (5'-30' from all structures)

- Regularly maintain landscape to remove excess dead or dry leaves and branches.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and combustible items such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

ZONE 2The Reduced Fuel Zone (30'-100' from all structures)

• Maintain space between trees and shrubs according to recommended vertical and horizontal clearances.





Creando un Espacio Defendible

Una de las formas más eficaces de proteger su propiedad de los incendios forestales es crear un espacio entre su casa y la vegetación circundante. Esta zona se conoce como espacio defendible. Este espacio es necesario para ralentizar o detener el fuego y para proporcionar una zona segura a los bomberos si tienen que defender su casa. El espacio defendible es obligatorio por ley (AB 3074) para las propiedades situadas en Zonas de Muy Alto Riesgo de Incendio, lo que incluye el vecindario que rodea Cañón del Potrero. Además, el parque incluye una zona de modificación de combustible (ver mapa) donde la vegetación es gestionada por la Ciudad para ayudar a proteger las propiedades vecinas de los incendios forestales.



