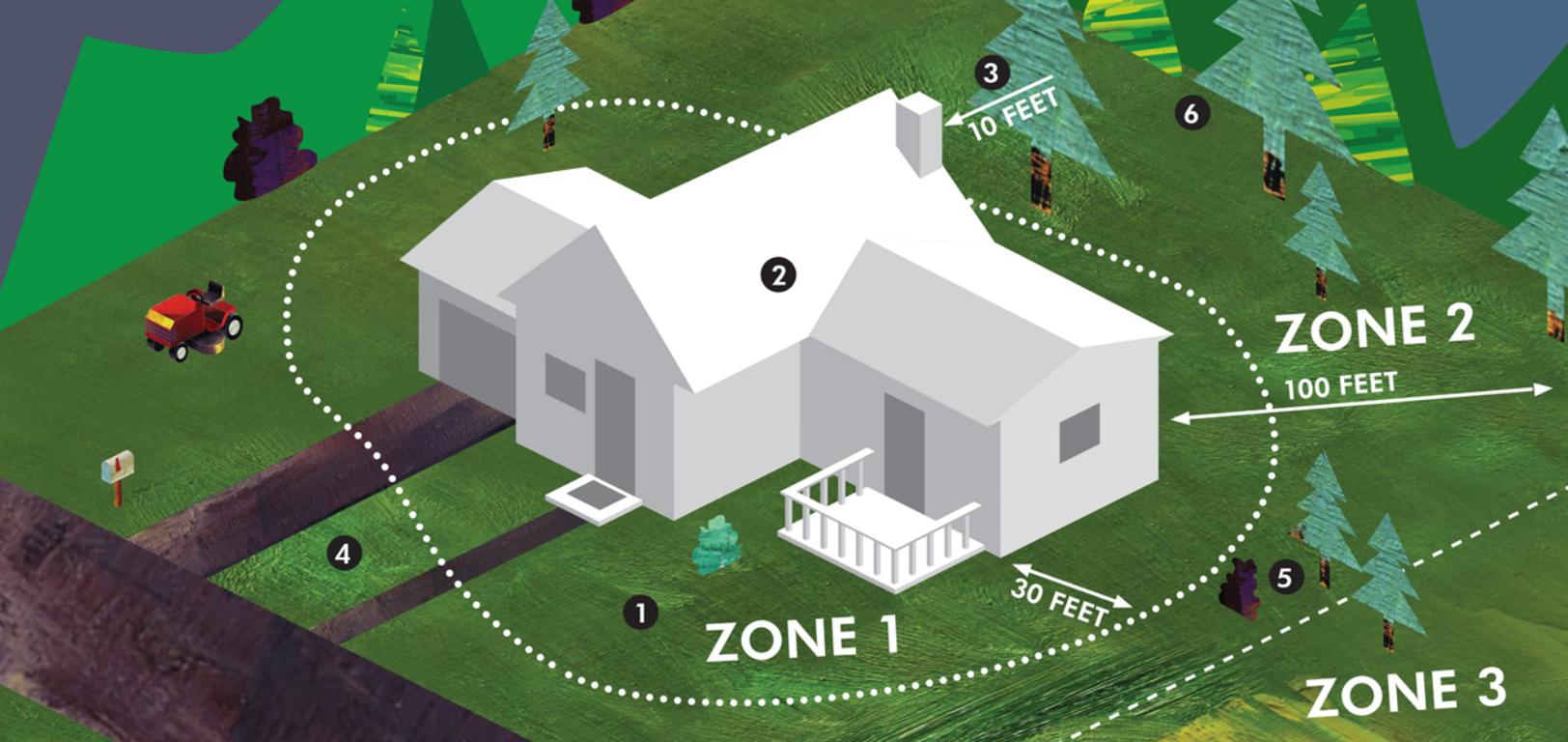


ARE YOU READY?



Defensible Space is your property's front line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. 100 feet of defensible space is required by law.*



*For more information on creating defensible space and legal requirements visit READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG



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THREE ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

ZONE 1: 30 FEET OF LEAN, CLEAN & GREEN

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof, and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.

ZONE 2: 30- 100 FEET OF REDUCED FUEL

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees.

ZONE 3: GREENBELT

- Removal of trees less than 2" DBH (no larger than a soda can in diameter at chest height)
- Removal of all invasive and non-natives. Examples include oleander, pear, plum, blackberry, Chinese pistache, ailanthus, and black locust.
- Removal and thinning of native vegetation including toyon, manzanita, grey pine, willow, and oaks to gain clearance (2" DBH rule above applies).
- Annual weed removal with string trimmers permitted (no metal blades) in the morning and never permitted on hot windy days or red flag warnings.)

USE EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE

Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.



VERTICAL SPACING

Large trees do not have to be cut and removed as long as all of the plants beneath them are removed. This eliminates a vertical "fire ladder."



HORIZONTAL SPACING

Create horizontal and vertical spacing between plants, the amount of spacing will depend on how steep the slope is and the size of the plants.