



## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS EDITION

### Wildfire Readiness

Follow these tips to do your part to get ready for fire season:

- Create defensible space around your home to slow the spread of wildfire
- Request a home ignition zone inspection for defensible space and home hardening suggestions at [www.saratoga.ca.us/fire](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/fire)
- Trim weeds and brush to avoid penalties, learn more at [www.saratoga.ca.us/weed\\_brush](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/weed_brush)
- Join your neighbors to create a Firewise Community to reduce wildfire risk, learn more at [www.saratoga.ca.us/fire](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/fire)
- Sign up for emergency notifications at [alertscc.com](http://alertscc.com)
- Create an evacuation plan for your family, find tips at [www.sccfd.org/rsg](http://www.sccfd.org/rsg)

### Defensible Space Basics

Follow this checklist to create defensible space on your property:

#### Zone 1 (within 5 feet of your home)

- Clean gutters
- Remove any flammable material
- Block off areas below patios/decks with wire mesh

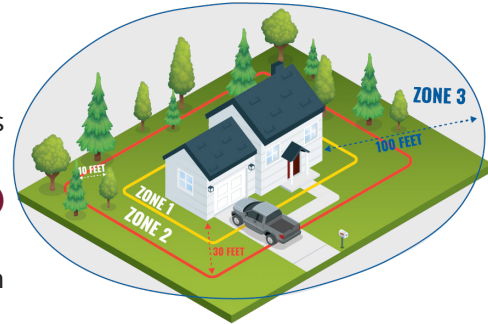
#### Zone 2 (5 to 30 feet from your home)

- Remove all dead vegetation
- Keep branches at least 10 feet from structures and other trees
- Remove branches that hang over your roof

#### Zone 3 (30 to 100 feet from your home)

- Mow grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches
- Trim branches so they are off the ground and not touching other plants
- Ensure your home can be easily accessed by emergency responders

Learn more at [www.sccfd.org/rsg](http://www.sccfd.org/rsg)



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## Planned Power Outages

On days when there is a risk for fire, PG&E may turn off your power. Prepare now for a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) by making sure your current contact information is on your bill so PG&E can send you notifications about planned outages. If you rely on power for medical purposes, register with PG&E as a Medical Baseline Customer to get extra notifications and reduced rate on your energy bill. Visit [www.saratoga.ca.us/PSPS](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/PSPS) for more information.

## Wildfire Workshops

Santa Clara County Fire Department is hosting a series of free virtual workshops in April and May 2021 on wildfire preparedness. Topics include homeowners insurance in high fire risk areas, home preparedness, and the wildfire recover process. View the schedule and register at [scfd.eventbrite.com](http://scfd.eventbrite.com) or call 408.378.4010.

## More Information

Learn more on the City website at [www.saratoga.ca.us/fire](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/fire) and make sure you get the latest City news by following the City on social media and subscribing to receive City newsletters at [www.saratoga.ca.us/connect](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/connect)