

# Maintenance Checklist



Your home is located in a growing forest. Defensible space requires annual maintenance:

- Trees and shrubs are properly thinned and pruned in the defensible space. Slash is disposed of or chipped.
- Roof and gutters are clear of debris.
- Vegetation near home is pruned back.
- Grass and weeds are mowed to low height.
- Outdoor water supply is available, complete with a hose and nozzle that can reach all parts of the house.
- Firewood is stacked uphill or on a contour away from the home.
- Fire hydrants, cisterns, and propane tanks are clear of vegetation.
- The driveway is wide enough. The clearance of trees and branches is adequate for fire and emergency equipment.
- Road signs and name and house numbers are posted and easily visible.

The cost of maintenance is significantly less than initial work.