

# Wildfire Prevention

## The Three Defensible Zones



### 100 feet to edge of property

#### Continue Fuel Reduction

- Prune and space trees.
- Remove any dead trees, piles of brush, or anything that will fuel a wildfire from your property.



### 30–100 feet from any buildings

#### Reduce Fuels

- Replace fire-prone evergreen trees with more fire-retardant plants. Hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees are less flammable than pine.
- Prune tree limbs to a height of 6–10 feet (2–3 meters).
- Space trees so crowns are 10–16 feet (3.5 meters) apart.



### 0–30 feet around any buildings

#### Maximum Hazard Reduction

- Remove outdoor furniture, brush, mulch, stacks of firewood and anything that can burn. Replace mulch with rock, gravel, or stone.
- Clean rain gutters and roof free of leaves and debris.
- Keep grass short (3 inches, 7.5 cm, or less), watered and mowed.
- Clear a 10-foot (3 meters) space around any propane tanks. Fill this space with gravel, rock, or short, well-watered grass.

