

FIRE PREVENTION

Seasonal Checklist



SPRING

- Prepare defensible space.
- Remove dead bark.
- Bark beetles are most active now into summer—be careful not to damage remaining trees as fresh wood attracts beetles.
- If possible, remove freshly cut wood. Otherwise, cover, lop, or chip infested wood and do not place near healthy trees.
- Following an extended period of little to no rain, sparingly water high-value trees. Use best watering practices.
- Now is the time to plant new trees, as long as irrigation is available.



FALL

- If planting trees, wait until the weather cools and rain has increased soil moisture.
- Now is one of the best times to remove dead and dying trees, and dense undergrowth.
- Water high-value trees only if significantly less than average rainfall this season; otherwise, do not water.



SUMMER

- Remove dead and dying trees.
- Follow spring guidelines as beetles are very active in summer as well.
- Be especially careful with power tools—one spark can start a wildfire.
- If planning to plant trees in fall, plan to plant locally native trees



WINTER

- Check property for dead or bark beetle-infested trees.
- Weather permitting, winter is the best time to remove those trees and dense undergrowth.
- Trim up trees for vertical clearance as part of your home's defensible space. If not feasible in winter, then plan to do so when weather permits.

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