

SIERRA SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SSOA) FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY RULES

Lots or acreage shall be maintained to the defensible space requirements and adhere to the fire fuels management documents published by Cal Fire and the Office of the State Fire Marshall. These documents are published and updated periodically by Cal Fire and are available online at www.fire.ca.gov/.

SSOA property owners are responsible for the actions of their families, guests, and renters and in ensuring such persons follow the fire prevention safety rules.

Burning wood and other fire fuels is allowed only on seasonal burn days and a burn permit, when required, is obtained. Unauthorized burning in the SSOA common areas is prohibited.

Flammable liquids (e.g., gas filled cans, oil-based paints, cleaning fluids, etc.) must be kept in a garage or a covered shed. The use of fireworks of any type or at any time, is strictly forbidden.

If multiple requests from the Board and disciplinary action against the owner(s) of a vacant or abandoned property has not resulted in the owner(s) remedying the problem, the Board of Directors reserves the right to authorize access to that vacant or abandoned property and spend Association funds to bring the property into compliance. Expenses incurred for such action will be charged back to the owners in the form of a special assessment. The SSOA will pursue all legal remedies for the reimbursement of such expenses.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR SSOA PROPERTIES WITH A RESIDENCE OR STRUCTURE

SSOA requires residential lots to have a one hundred foot (100') defensible space surrounding any structure. If the 100-foot requirement exceeds your property line, the defensible space must be maintained to the property line. SSOA requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Removal of combustible debris within 30 feet of any structure.
- Grasses should be kept to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- Removal of any portion of a tree that is within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe (State Regulation).
- Outbuildings and liquid propane gas (LPG) storage tanks must have a 10-foot clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exteriors.
- The roof and gutters of any structure must be free of leaves, needles or any other combustible debris.
- Removal of tree limbs within 6 to 10 feet of the ground according to the slope, not to exceed 1/3 the height of the tree.
- Firewood must be stored 30-feet away from any structure unless completely covered by a fire-resistant material/tarp approved by the State Fire Marshal.
- Firewood must be neatly stacked no higher than 4 feet above ground, unless the wood is inside of a supported structure that removes the safety risk of falling wood.
- Firewood must have a perimeter ground clearance of 10 feet to bare mineral soil, and not encroach on any county-owned right of way or road easement, or property owned by SSOA or another member.
- Logs, rounds, and dead trees, not bucked up and stacked for firewood, must be removed from the property, and may not be placed on any SSOA common property, county-owned property, easements, or right-of-way. (Continued on the reverse side.)

**SSOA PROPERTIES WITH NO RESIDENCE OR STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY AND
PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE 100-FOOT DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

Vacant lots or acreage and property located outside of the 100-foot defensible space shall be maintained to avoid the potential of becoming a fire hazard. Requirements include:

- Removal of dead trees and vegetation, logs, and rounds from the property.
- Grasses, pine needles, and leaves shall not exceed a maximum of 4 inches in depth.
- Removal of tree limbs within 6 - 10 feet of the ground according to slope, not to exceed 1/3 the height of the tree.
- Storage of firewood is not allowed on properties with no residence.
- Firewood may not encroach on any county-owned right of way or road easement, or any property owned by the Association or another member.
- Firewood must be neatly stacked no higher than 4 feet above ground and must have a perimeter ground clearance of 10 feet to bare mineral soil.