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INSPECTIONS BEGIN MID MAY

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
KEEP YOUR PROPERTY IN
COMPLIANCE YEAR ROUND**

**Annual Inspection Notice
with Important tips to help
you pass inspection**

GENERAL COMPLIANCE STANDARDS & REQUIREMENTS

The Wildfire Prevention Assessment District is located within

A VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY AREA

as designated by State of California PRC 4291.

For additional information on how you can make your
property and neighborhood fire safe

visit www.oaklandnet.com/WildfirePrevention

or call the Fire Prevention & Support Services Bureau.

(510) 238-7388

TREES: Remove tree branches from the ground a minimum of 6 feet or one-fourth the total height of the tree. Branches must be trimmed a minimum of 10 feet from any roof, structure, and chimney. Remove all dead/dying branches from trees.

SURFACE FUELS: Grass, weeds, leaf litter, ground cover, etc., must be 6 inches or less in height if within 30 feet (Fuel Reduction Zone) of a structure. Maintain the maximum 6 inch height if within 10 feet of all roads or driveways. In situations where necessary to stabilize soil, grasses may reach a height of 18 inches.

ORNAMENTAL PLANTS: Must be irrigated, maintained and pruned.

DEBRIS PILES: Do not pile wood chips or mulch on your property. Spread and maintain to a depth not exceeding 6 inches. Compost should be kept in an appropriate container.

KEEP YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE. Help our District and the City of Oakland continue its success in wildfire prevention.

IMPORTANT WILDFIRE SAFETY RED FLAG DAYS



**Firefighters will
raise red flags
at fire stations
to warn residents of the
increased danger of wildfire
in the Oakland hills.**

**Information about what to do
and not to do is posted at**

www.oaklandnet.com/WildfirePrevention



Residents of the Oakland hills want to help prevent another urban wildfire destroyed over 3,000 homes. It resulted in \$1.7 billion in losses and damages. another devastating disaster.

THE WPAD CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



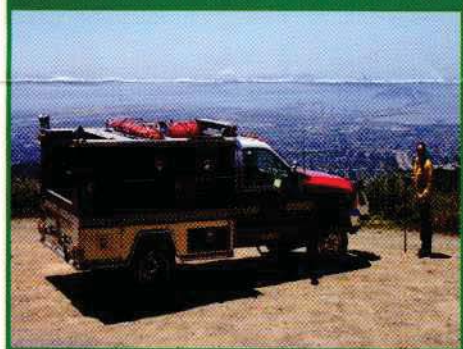
10 members work in partnership with the Oakland Fire Department to provide oversight of the funding, programs, and special vegetation management projects to ensure CA State Fire Code compliance. They meet each month the 3rd Thursdays at the Richard D. Trudeau Training Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, 7 PM. All are welcome.

GOAT GRAZING



Goat grazing is utilized to clear the excess brush that allows fires to spread rapidly. Approximately 3,000 goats remove vegetation from large public open space areas to reduce high grasses and weeds that can quickly burn toward hillside homes.

ROVING FIRE PATROLS



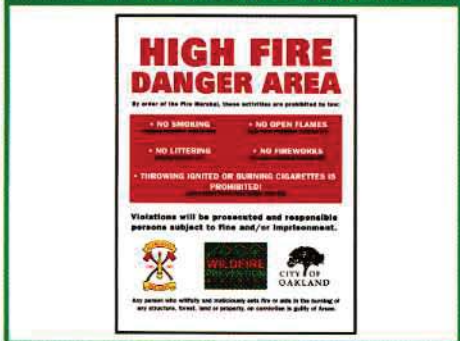
Roving patrols survey properties during high fire hazard days to monitor, correct, and report potential fire hazards. They also enforce all parking restrictions in the Oakland hills to ensure that streets are open in case emergency vehicles are required to respond in the event of a wildfire.

FREE CHIPPING SERVICE



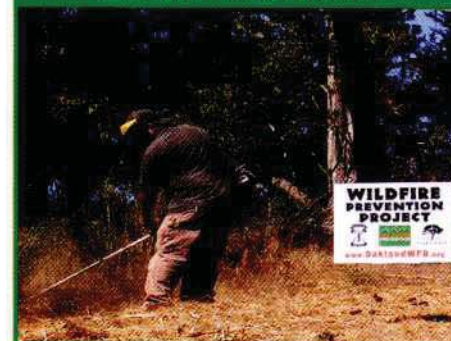
Free chipping service is available to conveniently dispose of tree branches, brush, and yard waste that can fuel fires. Homeowners can retain the wood chips and mulch or it will be hauled away free of charge.

HIGH FIRE DANGER SIGNAGE & PUBLIC EDUCATION



Continuous education and outreach is done through presentations, meetings, workshops, and seminars related to wildfire prevention and property protection. Our partnerships with citizens, neighborhood groups, homeowners and merchant associations is ongoing.

MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTY



Look for the "Wildfire Prevention Project" signs. They are posted by contractors when working on vegetation management projects funded by the WPAD.

MORE QUESTIONS? Call the Fire Prevention Vegetation Management Ho

similar to the 1991 firestorm; which injured or killed residents, family pets, and wildlife, and through vegetation management and education, we can each help protect ourselves from



ROADSIDE TREATMENT



Roadside treatment reduces the possibility of ignition from sparks, catalytic converters, tossed cigarettes, and fireworks. It also increases visibility for cyclists, joggers, and motorists, as well as provides greater egress and ingress in the event of an emergency.

INSPECTIONS



All properties need to be brought into compliance. Approximately 26,000 public and private property inspections are conducted annually by firefighters and Vegetation Management Inspectors within the WPAD. This is to identify properties that are out of compliance and need to be brought into compliance as mandated by City of Oakland and the State of California.

NEW ENGINES



Our new engines are designed to navigate narrow streets in the hills.



COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTIONS

Violations noted in the Annual Notice can vary based on local site conditions



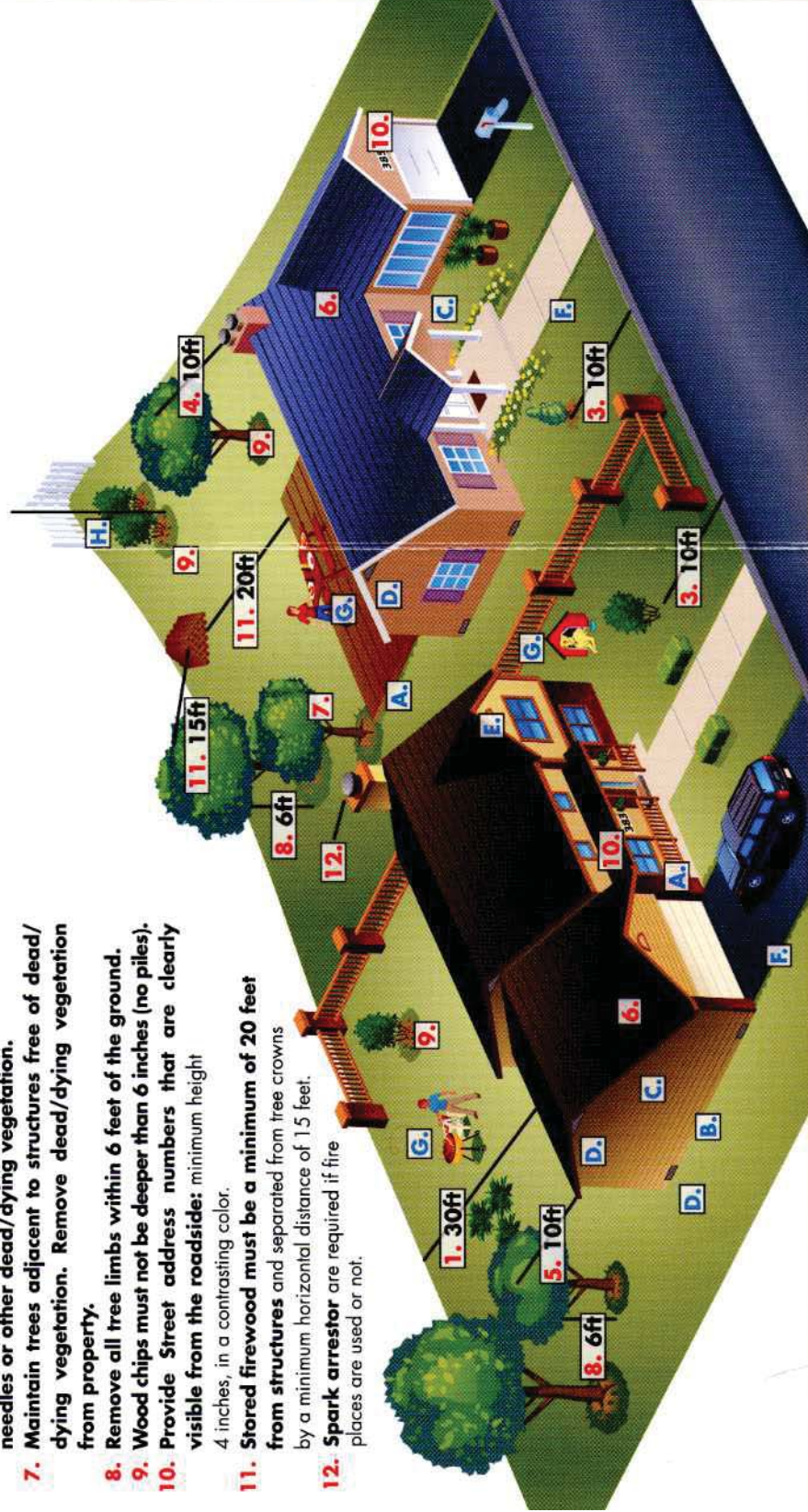
OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

REQUIRES

- 1. Maintain a 30-foot fuel reduction zone around all buildings/structures;** more may be required. Cut grass to 6 inches or less. Shrubs need to be maintained.
- 2. If property is greater than 1/2 acre, maintain a 100 ft. defensible space/fuel reduction zone from all buildings and neighboring structures;** more may be required.
- 3. Maintain a 10-foot minimum clearance next to the roadside;** more may be required.
- 4. Remove all portions of trees within 10 feet of chimney and/or stovepipe outlets.**
- 5. Maintain a 10 feet minimum horizontal clearance of tree crowns from any structure.**
- 6. Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles or other dead/dying vegetation.**
- 7. Maintain trees adjacent to structures free of dead/dying vegetation. Remove dead/dying vegetation from property.**
- 8. Remove all tree limbs within 6 feet of the ground.**
- 9. Wood chips must not be deeper than 6 inches (no piles).**
- 10. Provide Street address numbers that are clearly visible from the roadside:** minimum height 4 inches, in a contrasting color.
- 11. Stored firewood must be a minimum of 20 feet from structures and separated from tree crowns by a minimum horizontal distance of 15 feet.**
- 12. Spark arrestor are required if fire places are used or not.**

RECOMMENDS

- A.** Keep storage areas under porches, steps, and decks clean.
- B.** Check the bottom of siding and enclose it with screen.
- C.** Keep eaves clear of leaves, pine needles & debris.
- D.** Use 1/8 inch screen to cover attic and lower vents.
- E.** To keep out flying embers, roll screen into the openings of terracotta roof tiles.
- F.** Use pebbles, cement walkways/stepping stones for landscaping; it especially reduces the fuel ladder on slopes.
- G.** Keep leaves and combustible debris away from lawn and deck furniture, barbeques, dog houses, fences, children's play structures, or toys.
- H. Reduce fuel ladders:** Separate and space your plants to reduce fuel ladders. Plants should be spaced 4 ft. to 40 ft depending on slope, vegetation type, and size. Flames can be as much as 4 times as high as a burning object.



FREE CHIPPING SERVICE

Call to schedule an appointment before stacking branches along the street.

(510) 238-7388

Information on prevention is available at your local fire station. For Frequently asked questions, (FAQ), see www.OaklandWPD.org

Protect endangered species and creek habitats. For questions, call (510) 238-7571

FREE curbside & extra yard trimming pick-up by Waste Management, check www.wm.com

Always use your green bin, paper bags, or bundle, stack and tie branches

Failure to comply with requirements will result in fines, fees and abatement costs

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

We invite you to our monthly meeting at Trudeau Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd.,

3rd Thursday of each month, 7PM