

Big Bear Fire Department

Defensible Space Requirements – Within 15 and 100 Feet of Structure(s)

Within 15 Feet of the Structure(s)	Within 100 Feet of the Structure(s) or to Property Line
Remove native or pyrophitic plants (Junipers, Spanish Broom) within 15 feet of any structure(s). CFC 4906.4.1	Modify native or pyrophitic plants (Juniper, Spanish Broom) within 100 feet of the structure(s). CFC Section 4906.4.1
Maintain shrubs free from dead branches and twigs. CFC Section 4906.4.1	Native brush and shrubs shall be maintained free of dead branches and twigs with lower branches removed. CFC Section 4906.4.1
Maintain grasses and weeds to be 4 inches or less in height. CFC Section 4906.3 (a)	Maintain grasses and weeds to be 4 inches or less in height. CFC Section 4906.3 (a)
Remove trees less than 6 inches in diameter within 6 to 8 feet of other larger trees. CFC Section 4906.3 (a)	Remove trees less than 6 inches in diameter within 6 to 8 feet distance of another tree. CFC Section 4906.3 (a)
Maximum diameter of any one shrub or group of shrubs shall be 15 feet. Spacing requirements of shrubs shall be two times the height of the shrub. CFC Section 4906.4.1	Maximum diameter of any one shrub or group of shrubs shall be 15 feet. Spacing requirements of shrubs shall be two times the height of the shrub. CFC Section 4906.4.1
Remove limbs of trees located less than 6 feet above the ground. CFC Section 4906.3 (g) Exception: Deciduous, non-native trees, and Spruce trees that have all forest litter removed from underneath the base of the tree, the height of pruning can be reduced by 50%.	Remove limbs of trees less than 6 feet from the ground. CFC Section 4906.3 (g) Exception: Deciduous, non-native trees, and Spruce trees that have all forest litter removed from underneath the base of the tree, the height of pruning can be reduced by 50%.
Remove tree branches within 10 feet of a chimney, stovepipe outlet or roofline. CFC Section 4906.3 (d)	Provide a 15 feet vertical clearance of limbs that overhang driveways that extend greater than 150 feet. CFC Section 503.2.1
Remove dead trees. CFC Section 4906.6	Remove dead trees. CFC Section 4906.6
Remove pine needles and leaves within 5 feet of a structure and in excess of 2 inches. CFC Section 4906.3 (g)	If a continuous canopy exists on properties tree branches are to be removed within 12 to 15 feet of the ground. CFC Section 4906.3 (c)
Firewood less than 10 feet away from a structure shall be covered with a fire resistive structure or fabric. CFC Section 4906.3	Remove pine needles and leaves in excess of 2 inches. CFC Section 4906.3 (g)