



## DO YOU KNOW



## DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

# DEFENSIBLE SPACE TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

- 1 Remove** dead and combustible vegetation, mulch, and other materials, especially within the first several feet from the home. Replace with decorative rock or gravel.
- 2 Remove** leaves, pine needles, and other debris from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting the home.
- 3 Cover** exterior attic vents, soffit vents, and areas below decks and patios with 1/8" metal wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering the home.
- 4 Replace** combustible plants, furniture, and cushions on decks with non-combustible types.
- 5 Enclose** eaves to help prevent ember entry. Remove any vegetation growing directly under your eaves.
- 6 Inspect** the roof and replace missing shingles or tiles, make sure the valleys are in good repair.
- 7 Keep** lawns mowed and all plants **watered**. Keep it "Lean and Green".
- 8 Move** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- 9 Trim** trees and remove or trim brush/bushes and ground cover plants under trees or next to structures or decks.
- 10 Chip, compost, or haul** yard debris to a recycling center. Follow local fire regulations if burning yard debris.

For questions or more information about defensible space, contact the **Office of State Fire Marshal** at [oregon.sfm@osp.oregon.gov](mailto:oregon.sfm@osp.oregon.gov).

