



CAL FIRE
Office of the State Fire Marshal
Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Webinar Series

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Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone and Burn Permit Information

Welcome!



- The purpose of this webinar series is to host a live and interactive platform to discuss and educate on Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation (CWPM) fire safety topics directly from our Office of the State Fire Marshal CWPM Staff.
- More information on the webinar series can be found any time at osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/

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Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone

Speaker Introduction

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Resources on Defensible Space can be found at:

- <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space/>

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- What does the Defensible Space program do?
 - Guide, train, report and instruct the Defensible space coordinators and inspectors within the 21 units and 6 contract counties statewide.
 - Maintain the applications and dashboards that support the inspection process.



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- The rest of the Office of the State Fire Marshal programs uses the information we collect for multiple other programs.
- We set a baseline for how well defensible space is working in areas that experience wildfire destruction.



Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone

- Why is this work important?
 - Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire.
 - Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it.



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- This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat.
- Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.



Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone

- What is Zone 0?
 - Defensible Space right now has 2 zones – Zone 1 is 5ft to 30ft away from a structure on your property. Zone 2 is 30ft to 100ft from your structure.
 - Zone 0 is new legislation from AB 3074 that will enforce 0ft – 5ft from your structure also known as the ember resistant zone. This zone will be added to the current PRC 4291, CCR 1299



Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone

- CAL Fire has teamed with IBHS (Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety) and other entities to determine what other factors wildfire influences effect structures?
- It was determined that not only the area surrounding the structure on personal property, but vegetation, decorations and additional flammable material attached to the house is contributing to structure ignition. The less flammable material that can be up against the home, better the outcome the structure has to oncoming wildfire.



Zone 0 - Ember-Resistant Zone

- Where can I find updates to legislation?
 - Board of Forestry
 - <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/>
 - State legislative information page
 - <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>



Burn Permit Information

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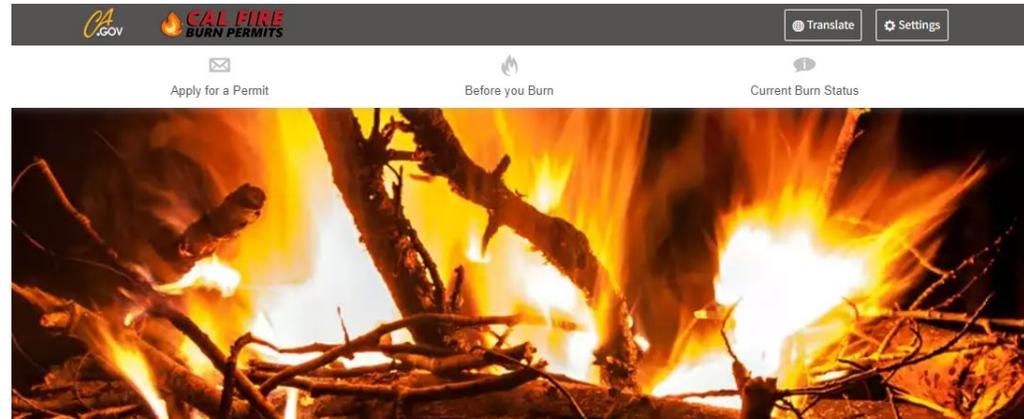
Resources on Burn Permits can be found at:

- <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Burn Permit Information

How can you apply for a burn permit?

<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>



During certain times of the year and in certain parts of the state, **residential landscape debris burning of dead vegetation, agency sponsored and agricultural burning projects, and broadcast burning** is allowed. However, homeowners and land management stewards should always check with their local fire station or CAL FIRE station, as well as local air quality management agency before burning. Burn permits may be required and during the dry months, CAL FIRE will suspend burning altogether.

PLAN

See what the burning requirements and alternatives are before you burn.

Know before you burn

VERIFY

Check the current burn status of your area.

Check the Status

APPLY

Get a burn permit if one is required for your location.

Get a Permit

*Are you looking for a Campfire Permit?



Questions?

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- 2/27/2023 – Combining Defensible Space and Home Hardening
- 3/13/2023 – CalSTATS program
- 3/27/2023 – Strategic Fire Plan and Unit Fire Plans
- 4/10/2023 – Summary of the 2022 fires and the Redbooks

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