

# DEFENSIBLE SPACE & CHIPPING SERVICES

## Is Your Home IGNITION RESISTANT?



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- Improve your property's defensible space and get yard waste recycled for FREE!
  - Residential Curbside Yard Waste Recycling Collection will be offered May 3 - July 25 and Oct 4 - Oct 30, 2021, courtesy of Waste Management.
- Here's How:
- At the end of April each residential customer in Incline Village/Crystal Bay, NV will receive an envelope containing 96 'Yard Waste Only' recycling stickers from Waste Management.
  - Conduct your property cleanup by filling heavy duty bags (any color but blue) with vegetative yard waste.
  - Securely close/tie the bags. Each bag cannot exceed 40 lbs.
  - Attach one sticker to each bag.
  - Place the stickered bags curbside on your regular service day during the designated timeframe.
  - Loose and bagged yard waste may also be dropped off at the Incline Village Transfer Station during regular business hours. All bags of yard debris taken to the transfer station must have a Yard Waste Sticker attached for free drop off. Twelve stickers will be required for a standard pickup truck load (3 cubic yards) of loose yard waste. Customers must present their IVGID card.
  - If you need additional stickers, you can purchase them from Waste Management's Incline office at 1076 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451.
  - Questions? Please call WM 775-831-2971
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- Defensible Space Evaluations & Curbside Chipping programs begin May 10, 2021. To make an online request visit [www.nltfpd.org](http://www.nltfpd.org), under Fuels tab go to <https://www.nltfpd.org/defensible-space> or <https://www.nltfpd.org/curbside-chipping>.
  - Defensible Space Evaluations help to prepare your home and neighborhood for wildfire season. Before each fire season, re-evaluate your property to see what areas need attention.
  - Curbside Chipping is a great way to get rid of your green yard waste. Please do not include pine needles, stumps, roots, garbage, nails or finished lumber. Branch diameter cannot exceed 6 inches and pile size must be no larger than 30' x 6' x 6' (or 1000 cubic feet).





# Five Steps to Create Defensible Space

## North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District

Defensible Space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat. Defensible Space is simply a homeowner's properly maintained property. Use the information below as a guide. For more advice on defensible space, visit [www.nltfpd.org](http://www.nltfpd.org) or [www.tahoelivingwithfire.com](http://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com)

### Step 1: Know Your Distance

The recommended distance of defensible space is different for all homes. The types of vegetation and terrain are key factors when deciding how far out to extend the Defensible Space Zone. Most properties need 100-200 feet of defensible space.

### Step 2: Remove the Dead

Within the Defensible Space Zone, remove all dead vegetation including dying trees, shrubs, branches, grass, weeds, needles, and leaves. Remove fallen needles and leaves within 30 feet from the house every spring. Do not allow a depth of more than 3 inches of duff and needles beyond 30 feet from the house.

### Step 3- Create Separation

Areas of dense vegetation pose significant wildfire threats. Shrubs and trees should be thinned out so they are no longer continuous. Separate shrubs by a distance that is twice their height. Tree spacing varies but typically should be separated by 10' between branches on average. Large trees (>14" in diameter at 4.5' from the ground) cannot be removed without a permit issued by NLTFPD or TRPA.

### Step 4- Remove Ladder Fuels

Vegetation allowing fire to climb up from the forest floor to the canopy, are known as ladder fuels. Smaller vegetation such as shrubs and young trees should be cleared away from beneath larger trees.

### Step 5- Lean, Clean, and Green

Remove fuels that ignite easily such as dead shrubs and trees, dried grass, pine needles, firewood, etc. Create a 5-foot noncombustible zone around the perimeter of your home, and keep your landscaping well-maintained.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

