

PROVIDE MINIMUM 30 FOOT CLEARANCE BETWEEN BUILDING AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH

CODE SECTIONS

2010 Yocha Dehe Fire Code

Section 304.1.1 Waste material. Accumulations of wastepaper, wood, hay straw, weeds, litter or combustible or flammable waste or rubbish of any type shall not be permitted to remain on a roof, or in any court, yard, vacant lot, alley, parking lot, open space, or beneath a grandstand, bleacher, pier, wharf, manufactured home, recreational vehicle or similar structure.

Section 304.1.2 Vegetation. Weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is capable of being ignited and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. Vegetation clearance requirements in urban wildland areas shall be in accordance with Chapter 49.

Title 19 3.07(b)(1) Clearances. Maintain around and adjacent to such building or structure a firebreak made by removing and clearing away, for a distance of not less than 30 feet on each side thereof or to the property line, whichever is nearer, all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth.

EXPLANATION

A minimum 30 foot clear space must be maintained around all combustible construction including buildings, fences, and automobiles. Vegetation such as mowed green grass is exempt from this requirement. Only vegetation that will readily ignite is required to be cleared.

RATIONALE

By clearing the vegetation from around buildings and other combustible exposures such as wooden fences, we hope to stop a wildland or vegetation fire from igniting your buildings or fences. Within our jurisdiction, a minimum of 30 feet of clear space is required to sufficiently protect your building from most vegetation fires. In some extreme cases, greater clearances may be required.

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