



# EVALUATION FORM FOR FORESTLAND URBAN INTERFACE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN AREAS CLASSIFIED AS **EXTREME**.



Checking “Y” means “yes, the standard or step has been met or satisfied. Checking “N/A” means the step or standard does not apply to this property or situation. No fuel-reduction treatment is required on a property where a structure does not exist. See reverse for additional guidance.

<b>1. 30-FOOT PRIMARY FUEL BREAK: The intent of this fuel break is to reduce the intensity of a wildland fire, slow its rate of spread, and create an area in which fire suppression operations may more safely take place.</b>		
1a. Is the area substantially composed of nonflammable ground cover?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1b. If dry grass is present, has it been mowed to a height of 4 inches or less?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1c. Have continuous beds of fine fuel been eliminated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1d. Are trees and shrubs maintained in a green condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1e. Are trees and shrubs substantially free of dead plant material?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1f. Have ladder fuels been removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
1g. Have trees and shrubs been thinned to discourage the transfer of fire from plant-to-plant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>2. SECONDARY FUEL BREAK: This fuel break is to increase the total size of the area around a structure in which a wildfire’s rate of spread will be reduced and fire-fighting operations may more safely occur. A 70-foot secondary fuel break is required for structures with flammable roofing material and a 20-foot secondary fuel break is required for structures with non-flammable roofing material.</b>		
2a. Are trees and shrubs maintained in a green condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
2b. Are trees and shrubs substantially free of dead plant material?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
2c. Have ladder fuels been removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
2d. Have trees and shrubs been thinned to discourage the transfer of fire from plant-to-plant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>3. DRIVEWAY FUEL BREAK: This standard is to ensure that there is sufficient vertical and horizontal clearance alongside and above the driving surface for fire trucks, and to create areas adjacent to the driveway in which fire intensity will be reduced and fire suppression operations may more safely take place. Not required for driveways less than 150 feet long. Check NA</b>		
3a. Is there at least 12 horizontal feet of clear space above the driving surface?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
3b. Within the 12-foot-wide clearance area, is there at least 13 ½ feet of vertical clearance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>4. Have tree branches or other vegetation within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe been removed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>5. Are trees that overhang the structure substantially free of dead plant material?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>6. Is the area beneath a deck substantially free of flammables?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>7. During fire season, are there firewood or lumber piles on the property?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
7a. If “Y” is checked, has each pile been moved 20 feet or farther from the structure? OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
7b. Has each pile been fully enclosed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NA

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County Map/Tax ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner Signature (if mailing) \_\_\_\_\_

By checking this box, you certify that you are the owner of the property described above and that you have fulfilled the fuel-reduction obligations required by the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act for this property. Certification does not guarantee that structures on this property will survive a wildland fire. Certification relieves the property owner, for a period of 5 years from notification date, of liabilities described in ORS 477.059 (4), but does not relieve the property owner from other responsibilities and liabilities described in other portions of ORS 477. This certification form becomes void 5 years after the date of notification, or when a structure is added to the property, or when the property changes ownership, or if revoked by ODF. It is the responsibility of the property owner to request a new certification form from ODF if a structure is added to the property, and/or notify a new owner that a new certification form for this property must be requested from ODF. This signed certification form to can also be printed and mailed to: Oregon Department of Forestry, Fire Prevention Program, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310.

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1. A 30-foot primary fuel break is required on all properties with a structure sited within a forestland-urban interface area, regardless of fire-risk classification. The primary fuel break is measured along the slope, and begins at the furthest extension of the structure, such as the outer edge of the roof eave or the outside edge of an attached deck, and continues for the full distance of 30 feet, or to the roadside, or to the property line. The fuel break may be entirely human-made or use natural features.

1a. Nonflammable ground cover includes, but is not limited to, green grass, clover, wildflowers, succulent ground cover, ivy, mulches, rock, concrete or asphalt. This measure strives to limit opportunities for combustion.

1b. Dry grass is an easily ignited fuel. Trimming it greatly reduces the intensity and rate of spread should fire occur.

1c. A continuous bed of fine fuel is cut grass, leaves, needles, twigs and other similar flammable materials in an arrangement that would allow fire to travel unabated. To make such a fuel bed discontinuous, install fuel breaks. A fuel break may be, but is not limited to, a raked path a few inches wide, a gravel walkway, or a patch of green grass (lawn). The purpose of this standard is to reduce the probability that a ground fire will make a significant run in any direction without encountering a fire break.

1d. A green condition means that trees and shrubs are healthy and well-watered. Plants maintained in a green condition are less vulnerable to fire.

1e. Dead plant material refers to dead branches, dead tops, and clumps of dead leaves or needles trapped in foliage. Trees and shrubs without dead plant material are less vulnerable to fire.

1f. Ladder fuels are shrubs and trees branches that can carry fire from the ground into tree crowns. Removing ladder fuels may mean to prune a tree's lower branches if the branches are above shrubs or other ground-level fuels. Alternately, the fuels beneath the branches could be removed. As a rule, the vertical distance between ladder fuels should be three times the height of the shrub beneath the tree. For example, a tree's branches should be pruned six feet from the top of a two-foot-tall shrub; or, the shrub should be removed, in which case pruning of the tree's branches would be unnecessary.

1g. Thinning trees and shrubs may be necessary if the risk is high that fire will transfer laterally from plant-to-plant. However, it must be remembered that healthy, mature, fire-resistant species of trees can shield homes from firebrands and radiant heat, and such specimens should be favored. Trees and shrubs selected for removal should be of poor vigor, and their removal should benefit the favored individuals.

2. A secondary fuel break begins where the primary fuel break ends. The distance must be measured along the slope, and need not continue beyond roadsides and property boundaries.

2a. Flammable roofing means roofing material that is not fire resistant, such as cedar shakes. Nonflammable roofing is roofing material that is rated Class A, B or C by Underwriters Laboratory, or is metal, and has been installed and maintained to the roofing material manufacturer's specifications. For a structure with flammable roofing material, the secondary fuel break must extend 70 feet beyond the end of the primary fuel break. A structure with nonflammable roofing must have a 20-foot fuel break.

2b - 2d. See guidelines in 1d-1g above.

3. The driveway fuel break's horizontal distances are measured along the slope, and shall encompass an area not less than 20 feet in width, or to the property boundary. The 13 ½-foot vertical clearance standard must be maintained throughout the 12-foot horizontal clearance standard's distance.

3a. The 12 feet of horizontal clearance are to accommodate an average fire truck.

3b. The 13 ½ feet of vertical clearance are to allow an average fire truck to pass beneath overhead branches and other vegetation.

4. Tree branches or other vegetation within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe need to be cleared away.

5. Dead plant material includes, but is not limited to, branches, foliage, tops and boles.

6. Flammables include, but are not limited to, piles or stacks of firewood or lumber, dry needles and leaves, cans of gasoline or paint, bottles of propane, charcoal briquets and lighter fluid.

7. Firewood and lumber piles can be sources of fuel during a wildland fire and can generate intense, sustained heat. The intent of this standard is to move the fuel source far enough from a structure to minimize the chance of damage to the structure should the pile catch fire.

7a. Twenty feet of distance is the minimum safe distance between a firewood or lumber pile and a structure.

7b. A fully enclosed firewood or lumber pile is one that has a nonflammable structure that completely protects the firewood or lumber from radiant heat and firebrands.