

GreenGuard Fuels - Funded Defensible-Space Checklist

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Zone 0 - 0 to 5 feet from the structure

Verify every combustible surface within five feet of the home is cleared, and confirm

Zone 0 compliance per CAL FIRE PRC 4291 / Gov. Code 51179 - the line that bridges a

defensible-space inspection from a partial pass to a full pass.

Action checklist:

- Remove stored firewood, lumber, and patio furniture from the immediate foundation perimeter.
- Clear dead leaves, pine needles, and bark mulch beds away from siding and decks.
- Relocate propane tanks to the cleared edge of Zone 0 (not inside the 5-foot ring).
- Photograph the cleared perimeter; the photo is your evidence file for the grant packet.

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Zone 1 - 30 feet of lean, clean, green

Check limb clearance, ladder-fuel breakdown, and the dead-fuel percent across Zone 1

(5 - 30 feet). This is where most insurance carriers and grant reviewers look first when

they score a defensible-space report.

Action checklist:

- Limb up trees to a 6-foot minimum clearance over any walkways or structures.
- Space shrubs so adjacent canopies do not touch; separate groupings by 2x their height.
- Cut ladder fuels: remove lower branches below one-third of the canopy height on conifers.
- Note the dead-fuel percentage; less than 10 percent is the typical grant target.

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Zone 2 - 30 to 100 feet of reduced fuel

Map canopy cover, surface fuel density, and ladder-fuel removal in Zone 2 (30 - 100 feet).

We include the spreadsheet template GreenGuard uses to auto-score 0 - 100 compliance.

Action checklist:

- Thin tree canopies to roughly 40 percent spacing where the stand is overstocked.
- Cut and scatter surface fuels so no contiguous mat of duff exceeds 3 inches in depth.
- Identify the access road and a 10-foot fuel-break strip on each side for egress safety.
- Walk the parcel with the printed checklist and either initial each step or mark N/A.

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FHSZ + Tier 2 / 3 verification

Pull your parcel on the CAL FIRE FHSZ viewer and the OFCM Tier 2 / 3 map (where County

Government applies), and capture the supporting screenshot for the grant file.

Skip it and your application lands in the slow lane.

Action checklist:

- Look up the parcel on the CAL FIRE FHSZ viewer (fhsz.fire.ca.gov) and screenshot the result.
- Cross-reference the OFCM Tier 2 / 3 designation for the county where the parcel sits.
- Note the SRA / LRA designation; SRA parcels map to the priority funding zones.
- Staple the screenshots and a parcel APN printout to the back of the checklist.

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Grant prefill checklist

Match your parcel against the priority-zones list - SRA, Tier 3, low-income, 62+,

accessibility - and pre-populate the matching grant application. The PDF arrives with

the right program already primed for copy / paste into CAL FIRE / FEMA / NRCS submissions.

Action checklist:

- Confirm whether the property sits inside an SRA / Tier 2 / Tier 3 boundary.
 - Capture household income tier and household size for the low-income priority program.
 - Note any household member 62 or older, or a documented access / functional need,
- to prefill the age and accessibility priority fields.
- Pre-stage the parcel data: APN, address, county, FHSZ tier, vegetation condition notes.

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Document packet + photos

Collect the photos, parcel-APN documentation, and insurance declarations the grant

program requires. The checklist ships with a one-page intake sheet GreenGuard uses

internally to keep a crew on the same page with the grant review.

Action checklist:

- Pull the most recent homeowner insurance declaration page and policy number.
- Photograph Zone 0 / 1 / 2 in daylight from each compass direction; date-stamp the file.
- Capture the parcel APN, county assessor map, and FHSZ screenshot for the appendix.
- Bundle all of the above into a single PDF or folder before you request screening.