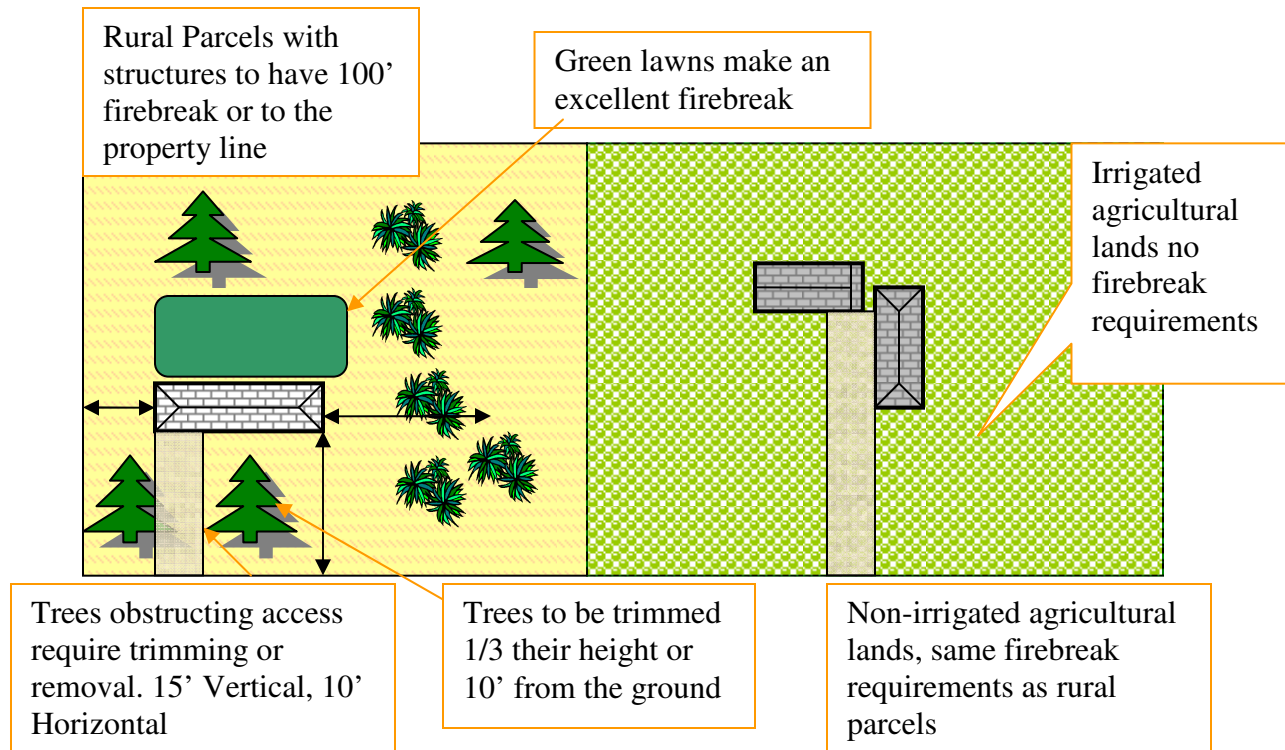


Firebreak Requirements

Parcels Zoned Rural and Agricultural



1. On parcels zoned rural lands improved with residences or other structures, a firebreak shall be required one-hundred (100) feet wide around all residences and other structures, or to the property line, whichever is nearer. Obstructions to be removed from all firebreaks.
2. On parcels zoned agricultural lands and are irrigated year round, firebreaks shall not be required. On non-irrigated agricultural lands that are improved with residences or other structures, a firebreak shall be required one-hundred (100) feet wide around all residences and other structures, or to the property line, whichever is nearer.

Required firebreaks shall be created by mowing, disking or removing all weeds, grass, rank growth, shrubs, trees and trimmings to a height of three (3) inches. Shrubs may be retained within firebreaks provided that they are spaced a distance equal to not less than three (3) times their widest diameter, and are not less than ten (10) feet from buildings and free of dead wood or litter. Trees may be retained within the firebreak provided that they are trimmed one-third their height or ten (10) feet up from the ground whichever is lesser. They must be free of dead wood and litter. Tree crowns shall not be interlaced with adjacent specimens as to constitute a medium for the rapid spread of fire.

Firebreaks may include fire resistive vegetation such as green lawns, ice plant, green ivy and other plants designated by the enforcing officer as being fire resistive.

Firebreak requirements may be reduced by the enforcing officer if slope and other characteristics of the terrain make the creation and maintenance of firebreaks infeasible or environmental concerns such as wildlife habitat, endangered species or vernal pools.