

# Ladder Fuels Self-Assessment

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Actions you take to manage the fuel load on your property determine how wildfire will impact your home, structures, and vegetation. A “foundation to property line” approach that includes easy, small steps to reduce ladder fuels on your property can make all the difference!

## Items noted with the following symbols indicate:

- Item is compulsory/required per Sunriver LFR Plan
- Item is advisory, allowed, or recommended per Sunriver LFR Plan
- \* Permit required. Contact SROA Natural Resources to request/obtain a free permit
- ^ Approval required. Contact SROA Community Development for information



### Shrubs/Brush

- Bitterbrush and manzanita within 15' of any structure have been removed
- Bitterbrush and manzanita within 3' beyond the dripline of any conifer tree have been removed
- Bitterbrush and manzanita have been removed to achieve less than 20% ground coverage
- All juniper and arborvitae on the property and/or that encroaches into SROA Commons have been removed
- Conifer landscaping shrubs within 3' beyond the dripline of a conifer tree have been removed

### Branches and limbs

- Branches on all conifer trees are trimmed to achieve a clearance of 5' from any roof, wall, or structure, and 15' from the chimney outlet
- Any portion of live limbs on all pine trees have been trimmed to achieve a 6-8' clearance from the ground on trees over 20' tall and the lower 1/3 on trees under 20'
- Any portion of dead conifer limbs have been trimmed to achieve a clearance of 10' from the ground
- Any portion of dead limbs on all non-conifer trees have been trimmed to achieve a 10' clearance from the ground
- Tree branches adjacent to driveway pavement edge have been pruned or removed to provide fourteen feet (14') vertical clearance above the pavement surface for emergency vehicle access

### Trees (4-inch diameter or greater)

- \* Pine trees larger than 4-inch diameter have been thinned to a minimum spacing of 6-8' between trunks (Permit required)
- \*All standing dead trees except those designated as wildlife trees by SROA, have been removed (Permit required)
- The property is free of downed materials (portions of trees, limbs, logs etc.)
- ^ Conifer trees as part of an approved landscape plan have a minimum spacing of 10' between trunks and are not within 3' beyond the dripline of any larger conifer tree (Approval required)

### Seedlings (less than 4-inch diameter)

- \* Ponderosa seedlings are thinned to achieve a 6-8' spacing (Permit required)
- \* Ponderosa seedlings growing into the canopy of larger Ponderosa trees have been removed (Permit required)
- Lodgepole seedlings are thinned to a 6-8' spacing
- Lodgepole seedlings growing into the canopy of larger pine trees have been removed
- All Lodgepole seedlings have been removed

### Firewood

- Firewood is stored in a fully enclosed space (such as a garage) or at least 20' away from all structures including neighboring structures during fire season (May-November). If 20' is not possible then it is stored to the furthest point possible from all structures.

### Other

- Roofs, gutters and underneath decks are free of pine needles, leaves, etc.
- Dead vegetation such as dead seedlings and shrubs have been removed
- Areas under decks are free of non-vegetative flammable materials (lumber, furniture, etc.)
- 0-5' zone extending from any structure (i.e. house, deck, enclosures, etc.) is free of any wood chips
- 0-5' zone is free of any seedlings, shrubs, and branches
- 0-5' zone has all dry grasses maintained with an average height less than four inches (4") during fire season

**Want to know more about creating defensible space on your property? Visit [www.sunriverowners.org](http://www.sunriverowners.org) for information about:**

- Home Hardening Self-Assessment
- Wildfire Property Preparedness
- Sunriver Ladder Fuels Reduction Plan
- SROA Design Committee Manual of Rules & Procedures

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