

HOME FIRE SAFETY



Have a fire escape plan and practice at least twice a year.



Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and test every month.



Have a least one fire extinguisher and inspect monthly.



Use flashlights during power outages instead of candles.



Keep flammable items away from anything that can get hot, such as space heaters.

CONTACT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



[SJGov.org/CommDev](https://www.sjgov.org/CommDev)



fire_prevention@SJGov.org

FOLLOW US IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY



[SJReady.org](https://www.sjready.org)



[Twitter.com/SJC_OES](https://twitter.com/SJC_OES)



[Facebook.com/sjcoes](https://www.facebook.com/sjcoes)



[Instagram.com/SJC_OES](https://www.instagram.com/SJC_OES)



FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION GUIDELINES

SJReady
Office of Emergency Services
www.sjready.org

Fire Prevention Bureau
partners with



MAKE YOUR PROPERTY FIRE SAFE

Create a **defensible space** around all structures, combustible properties and property lines by maintaining a minimum firebreak and clearing the area of combustibles, dry grass, and weeds.



MINIMUM FIREBREAK

Properties LESS than 2 acres:

- Entire property must be abated.

Properties MORE than 2 acres:

- Must have 100 ft. firebreak around all structures and property lines.
- Contact your local Fire District to determine if the whole property must be abated.

Pasture or farm land:

- Must have 15 ft. firebreak around property lines.
- Must have 100 ft. firebreak around all structures and combustible exposures.

ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF MAKING FIREBREAKS

- Discing or rototilling.
- Cutting or mowing.

All cuttings must be removed or spread to prevent creating a fire hazard. The remaining vegetation growth must be maintained at no higher than 4 inches.



FIRE SEASON APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 30

Or any other time of year that weather conditions constitute unseasonably dry conditions.

Property owners are required to provide large firebreaks on properties that have limited access, insufficient water supply and contain a high fire load.

San Joaquin County requires that property owners maintain the public right-of-way adjacent to their property free of fire hazards.

DEFINITIONS

FIRE HAZARD

Dry grasses, weeds, or rubbish that when exposed to an ignition source, could ignite and threaten or prove harmful to life, property, and the environment.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

The abatement of dry grasses, weeds, or rubbish, which have been deemed a fire hazard.