

# CLEARING BRUSH

# FOR FIRE PREVENTION

**One of the most important things a property owner can do to mitigate wildfires, is to clear dead, dying and fire-prone vegetation from around their homes and along roads.**

**CLEAR FOR DEFENSIBLE SPACE:** In addition to landscape clearance, there should be nothing flammable at least five feet from any dwelling. Information can be found in the Fire Prevention in the Canyons Brochure. Available in hard-copy and download-able from our Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NXTvVKzHj532mSjP\\_SVoTP05Y1o0SkxJ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NXTvVKzHj532mSjP_SVoTP05Y1o0SkxJ/view)

**WHAT TO CUT:** Clear dead, dying and fire-prone vegetation, remove all clear dead, dying vegetation and cut back large growth along with trimming dead branches from trees. An illustrated guide of local "Undesirable FIRE PRONE plant species" can be found in the brochure "Fire Prevention in the Canyons"

**CLEAR ROADS and DRIVEWAYS** for emergency access. Information: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I\\_zb9fcpWSdfKhiRdR7sso0Zd4WeiWY1/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I_zb9fcpWSdfKhiRdR7sso0Zd4WeiWY1/view)

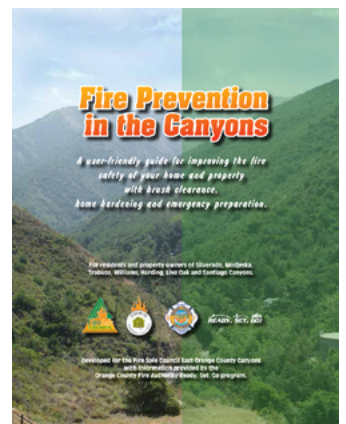
**WHEN TO CLEAR:** Clearing can be done throughout the year but is best done in the early growth period of Spring and the Fall, before peak fire season.

**HOW TO CLEAR:** A variety of hand and power tools can be use. Clippers, Loppers and pole Trimmers work well on brush, while Chain Saws (w/spark arrester) will be required for thicker limbs. An ideal tool is the battery-powered hand-held chain saw (pictured above) available on-line for about \$50.

**CAUTION:** Never use a metal blade, chain saw, weed whacker, axe, pick etc. during Santa Ana Winds. A spark can start a fire.

**DISPOSING OF GREEN WASTE CUTTINGS:** Our Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons has CHIPPER DAYS in June and September every year... look for the notices. Canyon residence (ID required) can be dropped off Green waste (no trash) at Aguinaga Green (Black Star Road) for information 1-877-OC-MULCH

Learn more about Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons <https://www.fsceocc.org/about-us>



## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL EAST ORANGE COUNTY CANYONS**

***Providing community fire prevention programs through education***

Donations to to support community fire safe programs are appreciated.

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