Your house is on fire... your loved one is having a heart attack... your child isn’t breathing... you need help immediately, but emergency responders can not get to your house because the road is overgrown with trees and shrubs!

EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD CLEARANCE

...could be a matter of life and death!

Your Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons (FSCEOCC) is working with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) to get property owners to cutback vegetation so that fire trucks and ambulances will have an unrestricted corridor to every canyon home.

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How much clearance is needed? Local fire engines are 10 feet wide and are 13 foot 6 inches high. Due to the narrow roads within our community property owners need to cut back the vegetation next to the roads. We specify a cut back 5 feet from the edge of the asphalt on both sides. We also ask that you clear, rocks, and man-made obstructions. This clearance is needed so that fire engines can maneuver around corners and obstacles. Trees need to be cut a minimum of 13 foot 6 inches vertical clearance from the edge of the 5’ cut-back on both sides.

What to do. Trim back brush and low hanging branches. Without proper equipment, knowledge and safety precautions most homeowners should not attempt to top trees on their own. This may result in killing off the tree.

Professional assistance is available. Local tree services are offering special discounts to canyon residents for road clearing and fire prevention tree trimming and removal.

Note: CA 2010 Fire Code requires emergency vehicle clearance and states that property owners may be cited for failure to comply.

Are you wildfire ready? Take responsibility to protect yourself, your family, property, and community.

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