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WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS BEGIN JUNE 1, 2022 IN MONTEREY, PACIFIC GROVE, CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, AND SAND CITY

Monterey, CA - The Monterey Fire Department will begin conducting wildland fire safety inspections on June 1, 2022, for all properties within the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Sand City. These defensible space inspections are performed annually to help minimize fire spread and growth and reduce potential loss in the event a wildland fire occurs. All properties will be inspected, including residential, commercial and vacant lots.

Once the inspection has been completed, a notice will be left if any corrective actions should be taken by the owner/occupant. The notice will be in the form of an adhesive notice left on or near the front door. Vacant lot notices will be mailed to the property owner. Follow-up re-inspections will occur in 30 days to ensure that owners are properly preparing their properties and are in compliance with state and local regulations. The status of your property can be determined by visiting monterey.org/city_hall/departments/fire and clicking the button to check the fire defensible space status map.

Owners and residents are encouraged to be proactive in making their properties defensible in the event of a fire by taking the following steps:

- Keep grass mowed to 4 inches or less
 - Remove leaves, pine needles and debris from roofs and gutters
- (more)

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- Remove dead and dying vegetation within 100 feet of your home or building (or to property line if that is less than 100 feet)
- Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns
- Limb trees 6 feet up from the ground; for shorter trees do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height
- Remove branches within 10 feet of chimneys
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks and stairs

For more information on preparing homes and businesses, please visit www.readyforwildfire.org/. For information or questions regarding the inspection program, please contact the Monterey Fire Prevention Bureau at (831) 646-3908

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