

**Need a Helping Hand Clearing your Defensible Space?
Here is a no-cost opportunity for you!**

Josephine County Emergency Management, Northwest Youth Corps and ODF Firewise Coordinators are partnering to help you create defensible space around your home.



This 6-week project will focus on communities ranked highest risk for wildfire impact to structures in recent USFS research and state mapping. Focus areas include:

- Merlin
- Williams
- Takilma-O'Brien
- Redwood Avenue area of Grants Pass
- Selma

Work crews will be available during April - May and October.

This application may be dropped off at your local fire station or emailed to: em@josephinecounty.gov

A link to an on-line digital version may also be found at www.rvem.org



Josephine County Defensible Space Project Application

This application will be used to establish a list of residents interested in participating in a program to provide defensible space around a primary structure (100-foot zones). Focus will be on high-risk areas listed on page 1.

A project agent will contact applicant and owner, prior to any work, to discuss scheduling and site details.

We anticipate that more people may apply than we have ability to serve during this round of work. Those not served in this 6-week project will be kept on the wait list for potential future opportunities.

Wait-list applicants will be added in the order received.

Applicant Name:		
Physical address of property including Zip code:		
Landline phone number:	Mobile phone number:	Email Address:
Directions (nearest crossroad):		
Owner's name (if different than above):		
Owner's phone number (if different than above):		
Circle a secondary point of contact if needed: Family member Neighbor/Friend Caseworker		
<i>Point of contact for scheduling crew work or communicating with crew if resident/owner is unavailable.</i>		
Secondary Point of Contact Name:		
Landline phone number:	Mobile phone number:	Email Address:



Josephine County Defensible Space Project Agreement

Please read and sign below:

This agreement allows Josephine County, or its project agents, to perform wildfire fuel-reduction work on private land at no cost to the property owner. Renters may apply if they obtain property owner approval for work and owner signature on this project form.

This agreement also allows Josephine County to use photos taken of the project area and the crew's work without royalty or other compensation to the property owner. Josephine County will use photos in its informational materials, agrees to expunge any property identifiers such as site address, and will not make the photos available for sale or any for-profit promotions.

The land on which the work will take place is detailed below, as are the details of the work to be performed.

Primary work performed will be to prune, thin or remove vegetation that is deemed a wildland fire risk. The fuel-reduction work is intended to reduce the probability of a wildland fire igniting on the property, and/or reduce the intensity of a wildland fire should it occur on or spread to the property and adjacent property. However, the fuel-reduction work performed by Josephine County, or its agents, does not guarantee that a wildland fire will not occur on or spread onto the property, and Josephine County and its agents shall not be held liable for wildfire-related damage on the property. The property owner shall not be held liable for work-related injuries to Josephine County employees or its agents. The property owner waives any right to recover from Josephine County, its employees, agents and representatives any damages, contribution, or reimbursement for any injury to grounds property or persons related to the tasks involved in fuel reduction or removal for this project.

This agreement may be terminated, postponed, or modified by mutual agreement in writing of project agent and the property owner; the written notice must be delivered at least 2 days prior to any changes in the agreement taking effect.

This agreement is subject to availability of funding and crew time.

Property Owner Name: _____

Site Address: _____

Legal Description: _____

(if not available, County can verify ownership)

Mailing Address (street or PO Box): _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

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Agreement Start Date: 04/01/2022

End Date: 10/31/2022

Project Description: Fuels reduction work within the 100-foot zones of primary structures. Limbing, trimming and other vegetation work will be accomplished with chainsaws, hand saws, pruners, hand loppers and string trimmers. Crews will not clean gutters, work on roofs, fell hazard trees or large trees. Debris removal or piling arrangements will be made with property owner in coordination with crew schedules.

Property Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Project Agent: _____

Date: _____