

TOWN OF WOODSIDE DEFENSIBLE SPACE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

The Town of Woodside is committed to reducing the threat of wildfire in our community. In support of this effort, the Town Council has established the DEFENSIBLE SPACE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM.

Defensible Space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified and/or maintained in a way that significantly reduces fire fuel loads and the wildfire threat and provides an opportunity for firefighters to more effectively defend the house. Additionally, defensible space needs to be established and maintained a minimum of 30 feet from the perimeter of the property. The following activities are examples of ways to create defensible space:

- Removal of dead brush and woody debris;
- Mowing annual dry grasses;
- "Limbing up" trees that are within 100 feet of a structure;
- Removal of trees for fire protection as recommended by the Woodside Fire Protection District.

The purpose of the Town's Defensible Space Matching Fund Program is to encourage Woodside residents to create and maintain such a space around their homes and the perimeter of their properties through the provision of a matching fund grant to help offset the cost of this undertaking.

For approved projects, the Town will reimburse you 50% of the cost of creating defensible space, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Applications are available at Town Hall or from the Town's website, www.woodsidesidtown.org. To apply:

1. Obtain an application and contact the Woodside Fire Protection District at 851-1594 to schedule a Defensible Space Assessment.
2. Bring the completed and signed Application and Assessment to Woodside Town Hall.
3. Town staff will notify you if the application has been approved.
4. After receipt of the approved application, you may have the defensible space work done on your property.
5. Submit a copy of your Defensible Space Assessment to Town Hall indicating which items have been completed. Include copies of paid invoices for the work.
6. The Town will reimburse you for 50% of the accomplished work, up to a total of \$2,000.

If you have questions about the Program, please contact the Town Manager Kevin Bryant (kbryant@woodsidesidtown.org) via e-mail or by calling 650.851.6790.