



## NEIGHBOR DEFENSIBLE SPACE PERMIT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To be eligible for a Defensible Space Permit, you must comply with the following:

- Applicants will be asked to provide a copy of their fire hazard inspection (obtained through their local fire agency) prior to District issuance of a permit.
- Fuels reduction will generally be limited to within 100 feet of occupied structures.
- All costs associated with fuel reduction and vegetation removal activities will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Only trees less than 6 inches in diameter or shrubs less than 4 inches in diameter may be cut or removed.
- Each proposal will be subject to District environmental review. Any additional environmental review required by local or state environmental regulations, will be at the cost of the applicant.
- Failure of the occupied structure to be in compliance with applicable planning, building, and zoning laws may be grounds for permit denial.
- Access to the work site shall be through the applicant's property, unless otherwise noted.
- Removal of non-native vegetation shall take priority over removal of native vegetation.
- Depending on fuel conditions at the site, the applicant may be required to enter into a multi-year agreement with the District to maintain that portion of District property for which work is proposed.
- Applicants may be asked to post or provide a notice to adjacent property owners prior to issuance of a permit.
- If a contractor will be used to complete the work, the contractor must maintain any license required by law to perform the work.
- Applicants and their contractors must have general liability insurance at coverage levels acceptable to the District.
- The District will evaluate applications for their consistency with the District's resource management policies and practices; some applications will require modifications and in some cases may be denied.
- Removed material may not be sold, bartered, exchanged, or traded, or otherwise used for commercial purposes.
- All vegetative debris must be removed from District property, or chipped and left onsite.
- No burning of material is allowed on District property.
- If a recipient is unable to adhere to the permit conditions, the District will terminate the permit and the applicant will be solely responsible for all costs of restoration.

Other stipulations and requirements may be identified in the permit, such as access restrictions or seasonal work restrictions based on wildlife needs or fire restrictions.

For more information visit: [openspace.org/defensible-space](https://openspace.org/defensible-space)