



BE FIRE-WISE
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COUNTY
Oregon

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Fire Safety Inspection Information Check Sheet

Address Signs:

- Address signs are installed at the driveway entrance (*visible from both directions*);
- The driveway forks and I have address signs with directional arrows at **every fork**;
- Address signs are provided by this office and your local fire district.

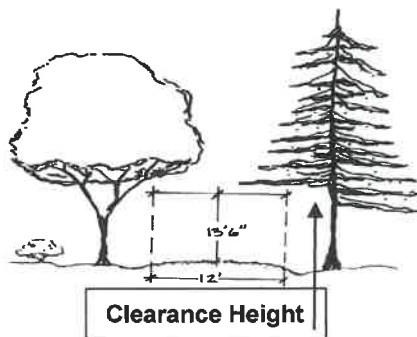
Help US find YOUR House

Install address signs for YOUR house Today!



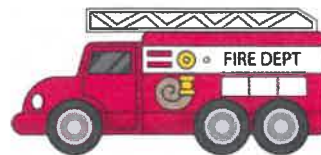
Driveways: need to accommodate large emergency vehicles and have a flat turn-around.

- The driveway access:
 - is installed within 150' of any portion to the exterior walls of the first story;
 - has a travel surface that is a minimum 12' wide, and a minimum of 14' wide on all curves;
 - is cleared to **13 ½** in height and has a **22'** wide fuelbreak along the entire driveway;



22' wide fuelbreak all along driveway

PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

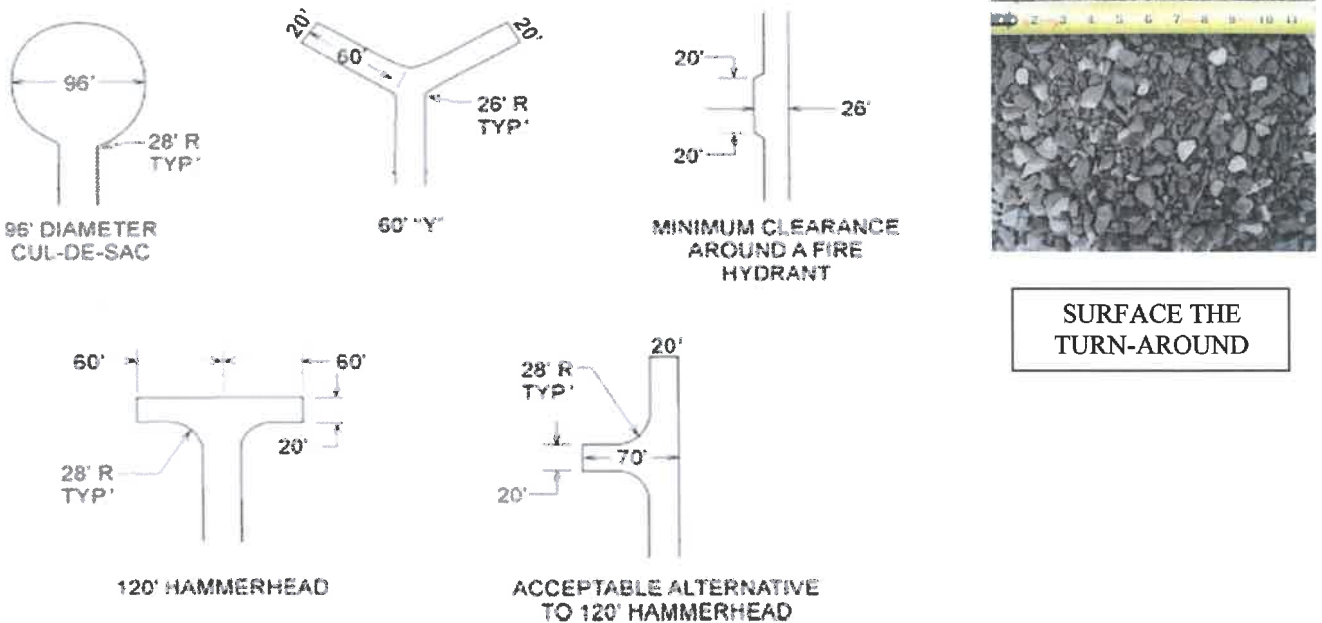


- is designed for a 50,000 pound load, and has at least 6" of base rock;

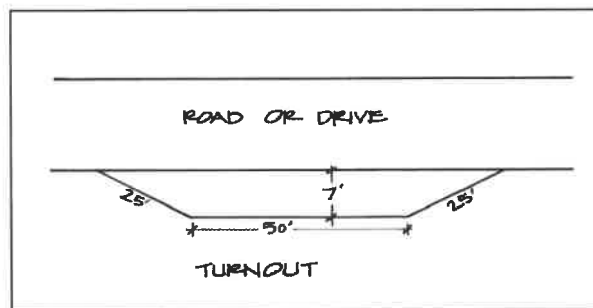
Driveways (continued) need to accommodate large emergency vehicle and have a flat turn-around.

□ The driveway access:

- has a maximum grade of 15% and a maximum grade of 10% for the first 40' off the public or private road; (when the road grade exceeds 10%, the fire district or, if not within a fire district, the Department of Forestry shall be consulted to determine whether additional fire safety measures are necessary to allow for a maximum finished grade of 15%)
- curves have a minimum radius of 55';
- has a **turnaround** within 150 feet of any structure or at dead end access ways, as well as every one half mile along the drive; (turnaround must also be surfaced with a minimum of six (6) inches of 4"-minus base or equivalent)



- has **turnouts** provided every 800' and are 50' long, 7' wide, and have 25' tapers;



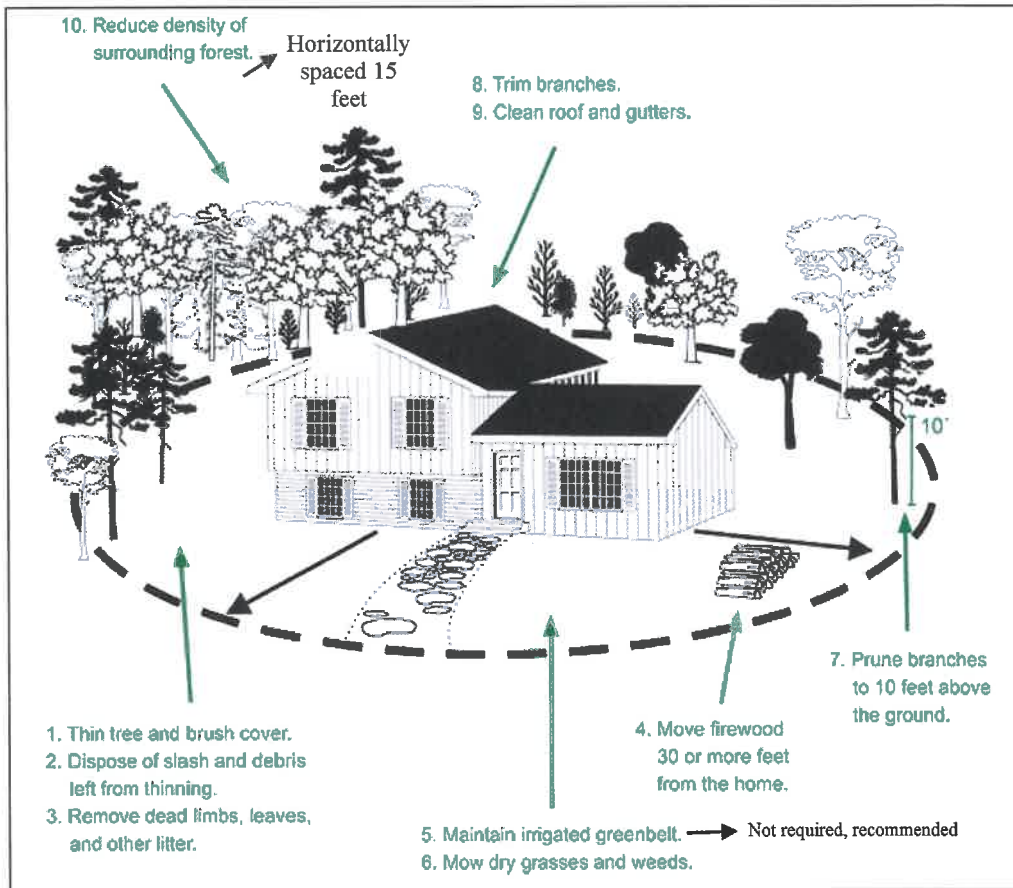
- gates are a minimum 14' wide, or 16' wide if the driveway is required to be 14'

- wide;
- bridges have driving surfaces that are a minimum 12' wide, as well as 13 ½ ' clear minimum width above the surface;
- existing bridges and culverts shall have a minimum driving surface of ten (10) feet are designed to have a 50,000 pound load capacity. (*existing bridges and culverts may be allowed to have a minimum driving surface of 8 ½ ' if approved by the applicable fire district.*)

Fuelbreak: A minimum 100-foot fuelbreak will be developed and maintained around all new structures in areas identified on the "Hazardous Wildfire Area Map." (See diagram below)

The fuelbreak is established because:

- dead plant material is removed, including dead branches on living trees, and fallen dead vegetation that hasn't significantly started to decompose; (#2 & #3)
- no branches overhang the roofline, and branches within 10' of stovepipe or chimney outlets are removed; (#8)
- vegetation is thinned to remove "ladder fuels" and to break up continuous vegetation and trees are limbed up to a height of 10'; (#7)
- no juniper or other highly combustible shrubbery is present;
- firewood piles and slash piles are at least 30' from all structures; (#4)
- grass is kept to a height of less than 6". (#6)



**CREATE A
DEFENSIBLE
SPACE & FIRE
PREVENTION
and
BUILD WISE**

**Building
Materials:**

- All chimneys have a spark arrester
- Roofing material is non-flammable, Class A or B. **NO WOOD SHAKES!**