Fuel Modification Questions - Woolsey Fire Rebuilds

Please visit our website for comprehensive information on how to prepare a plan, required forms, and planting guidelines - https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry-division/forestry-fuel-modification/

Specific questions may be emailed to ForestryFuelModification@fire.lacounty.gov

Q. What is a Fuel Modification Plan? (Please see example plan at our webpage).

A Fuel Modification Plan is a landscaping plan that shows all proposed and existing-to-remain vegetation on the property. The plan includes a site plan with the footprint of the structure, Zone 1 and Zone 2.

Q. Do I need a Licensed Landscape Architect?

No. Anyone can prepare a plan as long as it is drawn to scale and has the correct scientific plant names (genus and species; see example plan at our webpage).

Q. Do I need to submit a Fuel Modification Plan if I’m not planning on planting anything?

Yes. The plan must show all existing vegetation that will remain. If you are not proposing additional planting please clearly state on the plan “No Proposed Planting”.

Q. If I have an existing Fuel Modification Plan, do I need to resubmit another?

Any changes to the structure sq ft/footprint or planting require a new submittal. If nothing is to change, the existing Fuel Modification plan remains current.

Q. Do Fuel Modification Plans expire?

No, as long as nothing changes.

Q. Do I need to record and notarize another Covenant and Agree if I already have one on file?

No, the Covenant and Agreement travels with the property of the structure.

Q. Are you waiving fees?

No.

Q. How do I submit my Fuel Modification plan?

Online at this link -https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry-division/forestry-fuel-modification/- or mail or overnight-shipping to 605 N. Angeleno Ave, Azusa, CA 91702.

Q. How far do the Fuel Modification Zones extend from the structure?

Fuel Mod zones only apply within the property lines. Zone A extends from the structure out to 30 feet. Zone B is 70 feet. Zone C is 100 feet. Extra hazard assessment may warrant additional modification beyond Zone B to a distance of no more than 200 feet from structure.

Q. Are Fuel Modification plans the same as the Cities Landscape plans?

No, but the planting should be identical.

Please review the Fire Department Fuel Modification website if you have additional questions. https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry-division/forestry-fuel-modification/
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