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Fire Rebuild FAQs

Please visit our website for comprehensive information on how to prepare a plan, requirements, and planting guidelines - [Forestry Fuel Modification - Fire Department](#). Specific questions, call-back requests may be emailed to ForestryFuelModification@fire.lacounty.gov.

Q. What is a Fuel Modification Plan? (Please see the example plan on our website)

A Fuel Modification Plan is a landscape plan showing all proposed and existing-to-remain vegetation on the property. The plan includes a site plan with the building footprint and, Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3.

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 the example plan on our website).

Q. Do I need to submit a Fuel Modification Plan if I am 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 requires a new submittal. If nothing will change, the existing Fuel Modification plan remains current.

Q. Do Fuel Modification Plans expire?

No, as long as there are no changes to the approved plan.

Q. Do I need to record and notarize another Covenant & Agreement if one is on file?

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

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Q. Are you waiving fees?

If you are eligible, fees will be waived for Eaton and Palisade Fires. Please see [Fee Deferrals & Refunds – LA County Recovers](#).

Q. How do I submit my Fuel Modification plan?

Please submit the fuel modification plan electronically, via the portal on the fuel modification website under "Submit a Fuel Modification Plan" or by clicking on this On-Line Submittal link: [Fuel Modification Submission Form](#).

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

Fuel Modification zones only apply within the property lines. Zone 1 extends from the structure to 30 feet. Zone 2 extends from the edge of Zone 1 to 100 ft. Zone 3 extends from the edge of Zone 2 up to 200 feet from the structure (based on site conditions).

Q. Are Fuel Modification plans the same as the City's Landscape plans?

No, but the planting should be identical.