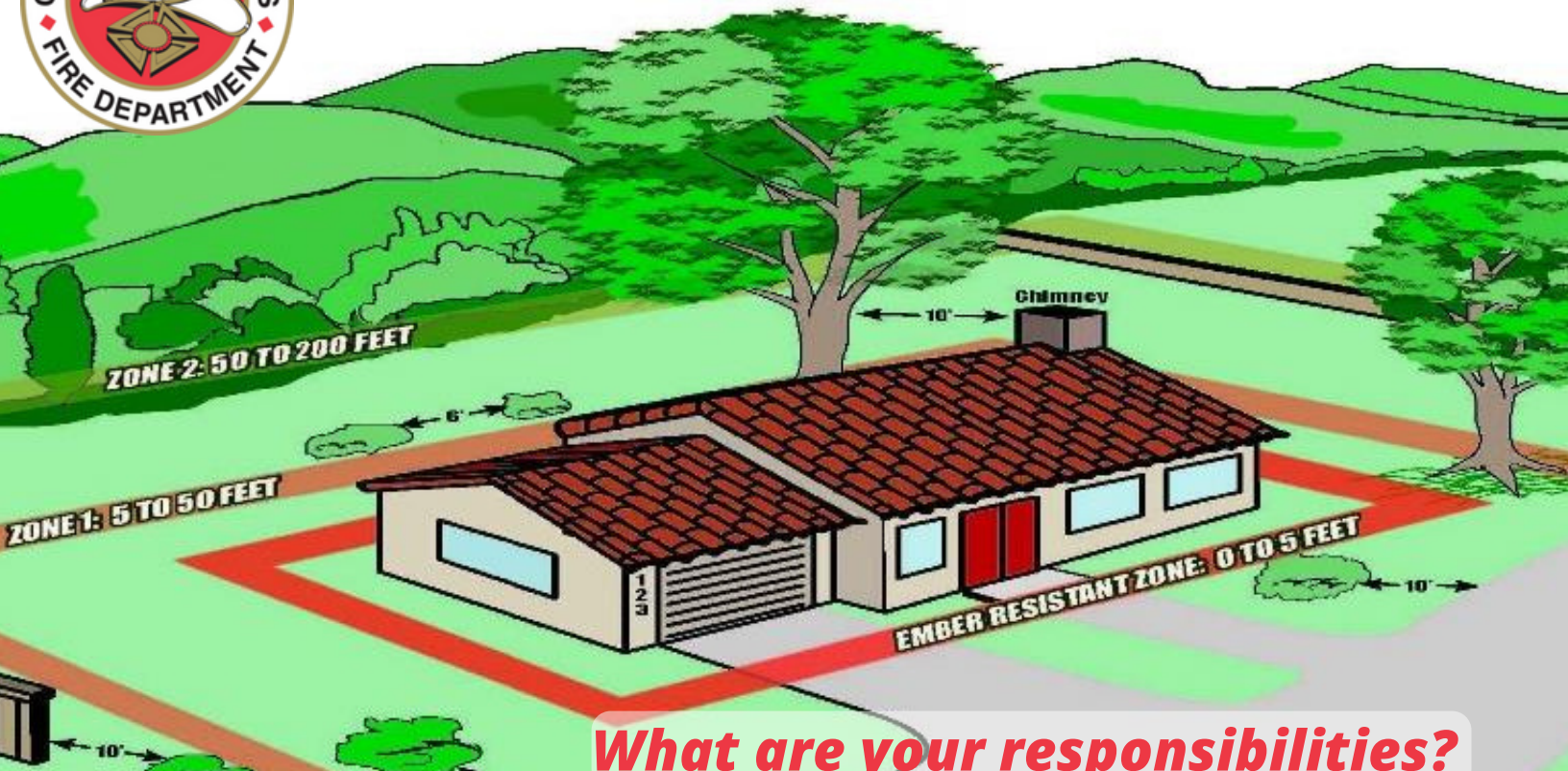




# Annual Brush Clearance Inspections



## What are your responsibilities?

Your local fire station will begin inspections on May 1 in inland areas, and June 1 in coastal areas. If your property is not compliant at the time of inspection, you will have 30 days to make the necessary corrections.

An Inspection Fee of \$100 will be assessed on all inspected properties whether or not they are found compliant. Inspection fees will be assessed annually and applied to the next year's property tax bill.

Property owners in Fire Hazard Severity Zones are responsible for clearing flammable vegetation around their homes; in order to create defensible space and help protect against wildfires and flying embers.

The general brush clearance requirements are:

- **Zone 0** (Ember Resistant Zone) – removal of any flammable materials within 5 ft of any structure (**Enforcement of this requirement will begin in 2024**).
- **Zone 1** – Removal of flammable vegetation within 50 ft of any structure. (*Plants and trees are permitted, provided they are individually planted, spaced, and maintained in such a manner that they do not form a means of transmitting fire to the structure*).
- **Zone 2** – Remaining vegetation for the next 150 ft, for a total of 200 ft, shall be limbed and include removal of dead wood.
- Access roads must maintain 10 ft of brush clearance on each side and shall maintain adequate vertical clearance.
- Fire hydrants shall maintain clearance of 3 ft.

For more information:  [fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs](https://fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs)

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