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# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Ventura County Fire reminds the public to clear brush ahead of fire season *Protect your family and home against wildfire*

CAMARILLO, Calif. – This week, thousands of letters will be sent to homeowners and property managers reminding Ventura County to clear 100 feet of brush away from properties near open land where wildfires may occur.



More than 16,025 parcels will receive [Fire Hazard Reduction Program \(FHRP\)](#) notices advising people to remove dry brush by June 1, 2017.

"The risk of a dangerous wildland fire season is still high despite significant rainfall. Citizens must prepare now and complete their hazard reduction and defensible space requirements," said Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen. "We also encourage people to have an evacuation plan in place should a wildland fire occur in their community."

FHRP is an award-winning, nationally recognized program that not only protects Ventura County, but also provides a buffer zone for firefighters to operate should a wildfire threaten a home or property.

[Ventura County Fire](#) requires homeowners and property managers to clear brush away from nearby buildings and maintain 100 feet of defensible space. Dead trees, poorly maintained properties and dry brush greatly increases the risk of fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires.



"Well-placed, maintained vegetation beautifies and controls erosion in residential neighborhoods," said Larry Williams, Fire Prevention Supervisor. "FHRP is designed to minimize fire danger by controlling the density and placement of flammable vegetation."

For additional information on the Fire Hazard Reduction Program, call (805) 389-9759 or send an email to [fhrp@ventura.org](mailto:fhrp@ventura.org). To find out if a parcel has been approved, visit [www.vcfhrp.org](http://www.vcfhrp.org).

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