



# Berkeley Fire Department

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE RESIDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

This program will provide eligible property owners with an inspection and contractor support to:

- 1) Resolve hazardous vegetation conditions
- 2) Ensure defensible space compliance



### What is Defensible Space?

Defensible Space is the area around structures that inhibits fire spread because of the type and arrangement of landscaping present. Pairing multiple strategies like removing combustibles around structures, minimizing continuous vegetation, and properly maintaining existing vegetation all contribute to effective defensible space zones.

### What is the Resident Assistance Program?

The RAP helps residents achieve defensible space compliance by providing financial assistance or coordination assistance with contractors. Coordination could include scheduling or advising on how to achieve defensible space.

### The RAP provides

- Prescribed treatments located between 0 and 30 feet of structures on property, prioritizing hazards within 5 feet of structures.
- Removal of all dead vegetation including plants, grass, and debris.
- Pruning and thinning of tree branches

### Funding Details

Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program.



### The RAP does not provide

- Large and small diameter tree removal.
- Treatments beyond 30 feet of structures.
- Hardscaping, like replacing combustible bark or mulch with pavers, gravel, or concrete.
- Replacing combustible fencing, gates, arbors.

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## Process

- 1 Submit Application and proof of eligibility as needed
- 2 Application will be reviewed for eligibility by Berkeley Fire staff
- 3 Complete the Right of Entry form via your DSI account
- 4 Receive a full-access inspection by BFD staff
- 5 Contractors are scheduled by BFD or connected with residents based on need
- 6 Upon completion, properties will be re-inspected to document completed work



## APPLY NOW

PLEASE HAVE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION READY PRIOR TO APPLICATION SUBMISSION

## Eligibility and Requirements

All residents must reside in the Grizzly Peak or Panoramic Mitigation Areas to qualify.

### Financial Assistance

To qualify for contractor assistance, you must meet one of three criteria and provide supporting documentation.

See Income Eligibility Chart Below

65+ Years old	DL/Proof of age
Physical Disability	Explanation
Financial Limitations	Proof of Income

### Coordination Assistance

To qualify for coordination assistance, you must meet one of three criteria.

Language Barrier	✓
Don't know where to start	✓
Don't have a contractor	✓

## Income Eligibility Chart

\*The 2025 State Income Limits provided by Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income	At or Below <b>\$87,550</b>	At or Below <b>\$100,050</b>	At or Below <b>\$112,550</b>	At or Below <b>\$125,050</b>	At or Below <b>\$135,100</b>	At or Below <b>\$145,100</b>	At or Below <b>\$155,100</b>	At or Below <b>\$165,100</b>

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