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**PROTECT YOUR HOME
FROM FOREST FIRES**



**BEFORE the 15th of March
IS MANDATORY
Cleaning the countryside**



**If you live or have properties
on the north of National Highway 125,
Know what to do**

INFORM YOURSELF!



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DID YOU KNOW THAT IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM THE FOREST FIRE?

Implementing a **50-metre protection strip around the building is a legal obligation, punishable by fine, if not done by March 15th.**

Managing vegetation around buildings is the best protection against forest fires!

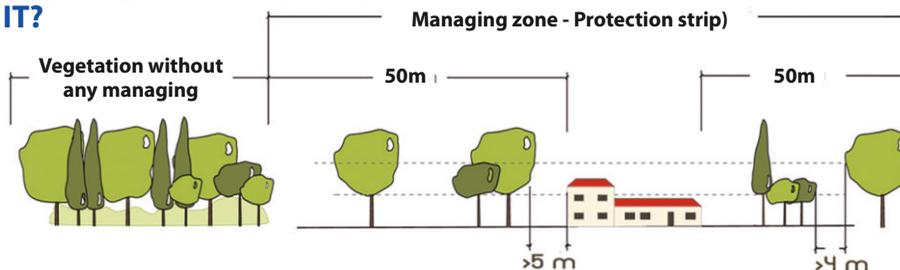
WHERE TO MAKE THE PROTECTION BAND?

It is mandatory to manage vegetation to a minimum range of 50 meters around the buildings or facilities, from the exterior masonry.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO MAKE A PROTECTION BAND?

The owners or tenants that use the land.

HOW DO YOU DO IT?



MANDATORY

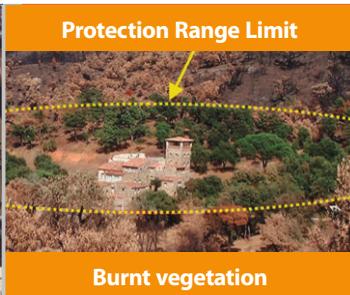
- The protection range is measured from the outside wall of the building (note the image above).
- The crowns / tops of the trees must be, at least, 4 m apart.
- Prune the trees 4 meters above the ground. For trees with a height of less than 8 meters, only the lower half (50% of the tree) is to be pruned.
- The trees and shrubs have to be distanced more than 5 meters from the buildings and the projection of the crowns / top part on the roofs.

- Keep a strip of 1 and 2 meters with non-flammable pavement around your building;

- Within a 10-meter radius of the building, avoid having very inflammable vegetation or drying out easily. Avoid hedges with species that accumulate a lot of dry woody material or contain oils or resins.
- Do not accumulate firewood, leftovers from forest or agricultural use or flammable substances within this 50 metre protection range.
- Remove the grasses, leaves, branches and mosses from the roofs and gutters.
- Keep the access to your house free and create a zone that allows reversal of movement.



Burned house surrounded by greenery, which had no protection strip.



House not affected by fire due to protection range.

**AFTER MARCH 15th,
INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTIES
IS MANDATORY.
PROTECT YOUR HOME AND AVOID FINES**
Call us and clarify all your doubts!

