**REDUCE THE RISK TO YOUR HOUSE**

By 15th March in mandatory to manage the vegetation around the exterior wall of the house.

**MANDATORY**

1. The space between shrubs should be at least 4m. In maritime pine and eucalyptus stands, the minimum distance between tree trunks must be at least 10m.

2. Prune trees 5m above the ground. For trees with a height of less than 5m, prune the lower half (50%) of the tree.

3. Trees and bushes must be 5m away from the buildings and tree tops must not extend over the roof.

4. Shrubs must not be higher than 50 centimeters.

5. Do not keep firewood, debris or any type of flammable material within this area.

**IN CASE OF FIRE CALL 112 (Free call)**

**ADVISE**

1. Have a strip of non-inflammable paving, between one and two meters in width, around the building.

2. Avoid having very inflammable vegetation or plants that dry easily within 10 meters of your house. Avoid having hedges made of species that accumulate lots of dry woody material inside, or which contain flint or rocks, and avoid enclosures made of cane or dry heather.

3. Check that the watering system and hoses are in working order.

4. Protect doors and windows with blinds or shutters. Use double-glazing and tempered glass and choose windows with safety film.

5. Keep the access to your house unobstructed and create a space that will permit 0.5 turns.

6. Keep an up-to-date list of emergency contacts at hand.

**IN CASE OF FIRE NEAR YOUR HOUSE**

1. Wear loose cotton clothing (avoid synthetic fabrics). In order to cover your arms and legs, and wear closed footwear. Avoid exposure to smoke and flames, and cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth.

2. Close all doors leading to the exterior and all interior doors, too, as well as all windows and any other openings (ventilation grids, for example). Switch off water valves, door and automatic mechanisms. Put wet, dry mat-towels along the bottom of doors and windows. Any open crack could prove fatal by allowing the fire into your home.

3. Close gas valves. Move combustible materials away from windows. Close windows, doors and replace broken or open ones. Turn off power.

4. Water the area around the house. If you have a watering system, turn it on. Gather buckets of water indoors and outdoors. If a fire breaks out, put it out immediately with water, CO2 or water-based extinguishers.

5. Keep a vehicle with a state of constant readiness in an emergency, such as a water car, plow, or even a tanker to refill. Call the authorities to follow the instructions given to you by the authorities.

6. After the fire has passed, check to see if there are any small fires still slight. Look for smoke and/or flames next to doors, windows, roofs, chimneys and gutters. Remain alert over the following days.