



ARE YOU FIREWISE?

Defend your home from wildfire by following these Firewise Tips.

- Thin out continuous tree and brush cover around structures. This will reduce the ability of fires to spread from treetop to treetop.
- Dispose of all limbs and debris left from thinning by either chipping, hauling away or by piling for burning in the winter.
- Remove dead limbs, needles, and other ground litter within your survivable space.
- Stack firewood uphill or on a contour at least 30 feet from your home.
- Mow dry grass and weeds to a height of six inches or less for a distance of 30 feet from you home.
- During the summer mow only during the early morning hours to reduce the ignition of fires from equipment.
- Prune branches from trees within your survivable space to a height of 10 feet above the ground.
- Clean roof and gutters of pine needles and leaves to eliminate an ignition source.
- Remove branches that extend over eaves of roofs. Remove branches within 15 feet of a chimney.
- Remove shrubs and small trees, or other potential “ladder” fuels from beneath large trees; left in place, these can carry a ground fire into the tree tops.
- Reduce density of surrounding forest at least 100 feet from your home (or to the property line, whichever is closest). Thin the trees so there is a 10-foot spacing between tree branches.
- Maintain your defensible space annually, by removing debris, shrubs, and any other unwanted vegetation that accumulates during the year.
- Make sure your address is clearly visible.
- Thin vegetation on both sides of driveway to allow for emergency vehicles to safely enter your property.

For additional information on home fire safety visit www.firewise.org