WHAT IS THE WUI?

Wildland Urban Interface

With more than a quarter of Colorado residents living in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), an area where residential homes and commercial development is intermixed with forested areas, it is becoming increasingly important to educate and protect residents and their property from devastating wildfires through access to fire protection and mitigation information and resources.

With continued real estate development throughout the state's WUI areas, estimated to grow by 300 percent in the next 15 years, the wildfire threat is not only extremely real, it is not going away.

10 EASY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

To Protect Your Home

1. Identify your defensible space.
2. Reduce flammable brush around your home and under nearby trees.
3. Prune or remove trees.
4. Keep grass and weeds cut low.
5. Clear woodpiles and building materials away from your home.
6. Keep your yard and roof clean
7. Keep address signs visible.
8. Choose fire-resistant building materials and lawn furniture.
9. Recycle yard debris.
10. Make sure you have a family disaster plan in place.

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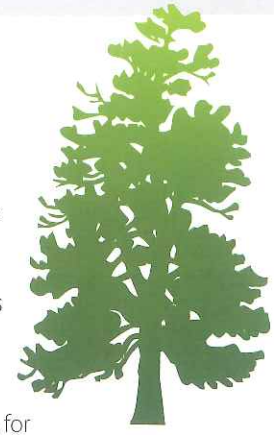

Fire is unpredictable. If there are weaknesses in your home's fire protection plan, fire can gain the advantage because of overlooked factors. By creating wildfire-defensible zones, homes are less vulnerable and the chance of spreading wildfires is greatly reduced. Please visit **ColoradoProjectWildfire.com** for additional tips and resources. To stay up to date on Wildfire prevention and mitigation resources available throughout the state of Colorado, please email Colorado Project Wildfire at: CPWildfire@coloradorealtors.com.

Sources:
International Association of Fire Chief's RSG Program
USDA Forest Service
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
U.S. Fire Administration

WILDFIRE PREVENTION TIPS

COLORADO PROJECT Wildfire

Developed by the Colorado Association of REALTORS®, *Project Wildfire* is designed to help reduce the destruction of land, property and lives. Working in partnership with other like-minded fire prevention organizations across the state, local REALTOR® associations are bringing education and awareness, as well as access to resources, directly to residents in their local communities.

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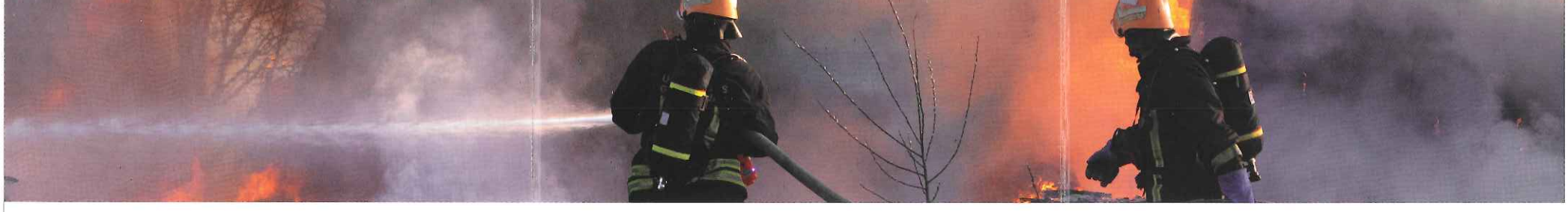


PREPARE YOUR HOME

Due to Colorado's arid climate and fire-dependent forests, many homeowners and landowners may be particularly vulnerable to wildfires. It is important to keep this threat in mind when buying or building a home.

During wildfires, most homes are lost as a result of ember showers that deposit hot embers on especially vulnerable areas such as roof valleys, gutters and decks. These embers smolder in gathered pine needles, leaves and even on furniture cushions, eventually igniting nearby structures such as siding, decks and fences.

There are several easy steps homeowners can take to help protect their property and inhibit the spread of wildland fires by creating defensible space around their home. Defensible space is defined as at least a 30-foot buffer zone of reduced vegetation around a home to mitigate the effects of advancing fire.

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

- Create and practice a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and a communication plan. Your plan should include evacuation of large animals such as horses.
- Have fire extinguishers and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Plan and practice several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross. Keep an extra kit in your vehicle.
- Identify an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers on your phone.
- Have a battery-powered radio so you can stay updated.

CALL 9-1-1

If you see smoke or fire call 9-1-1 immediately.

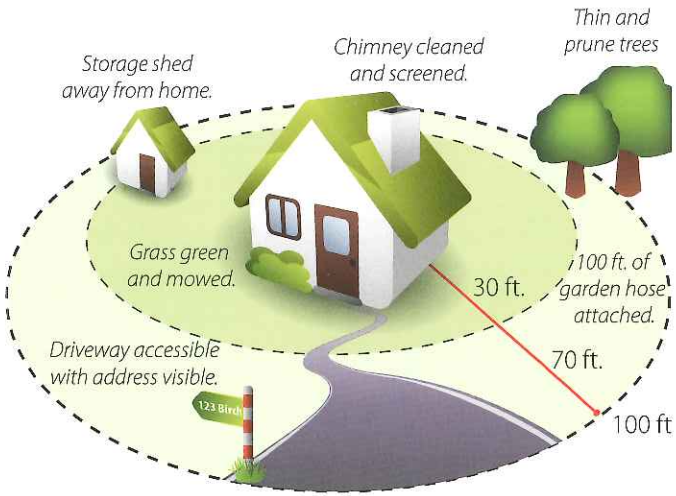
STAY CONNECTED

There are many great apps and websites that can help you stay informed about wildfires. Learn more at ColoradoProjectWildfire.com

LEARN MORE

Get more information and helpful links at www.ColoradoProjectWildfire.com or contact your local REALTOR® Association.

ARE YOU FIREWISE?



Source: www.wildlandfireRSG.org

ZONE 1

0-30 ft. This zone requires maximum hazard reduction. Most flammable vegetation should be removed in this zone, with the possible exception of fire-resistant plants.

ZONE 2

30-100ft. This zone should be designed to diminish the intensity of a fire approaching your home. The width depends on the slope of the ground where the structure is built.

ZONE 3

100+ ft. This area is the farthest from the home. It extends from the edge of Zone 2 to your property boundaries. Your local Colorado Forest Service can help you with this zone.

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