

wildfire prevention

Wildfire season occurs between late spring and early fall in Southwest Colorado. Here are a few tips to help protect you & your home from wildfire danger:

- Prune growth within the defensible space area.
- Stack firewood uphill and away from house.
- Clean debris from gutters.
- Clear vegetation from propane tanks, cisterns, etc.
- Check fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.
- Enclose foundations and beneath decks.
- Check/install spark-arresters on chimneys.
- Identify escape routes and family meeting places.
- Purchase emergency supplies.
- Ensure emergency vehicle access and egress.
- Always park vehicles facing down (out) the driveway.
- Have enough garden hose to reach around the house.
- Ensure visibility of road signs and house numbers.
- Spray trees with insecticide to help prevent beetle infestation.

Brought to you by Fire Ready of Durango/Cortez/Bayfield. For more information regarding aesthetic property enhancement, defensible space, tree health, lot clearing for new home sites, call (970) 533-7078.

LIVING NEAR FORESTS MEANS YOU MUST BE PREPARED!

REDUCE DENSITY OF SURROUNDING FOREST

CLEAN ROOF AND GUTTERS

REMOVE DEAD LIMBS, LEAVES AND OTHER LITTER

MOW DRY GRASSES AND WEEDS

STACK FIREWOOD AWAY FROM HOME

THIN TREE AND BRUSH COVER PRUNE BRANCHES TO 10' ABOVE THE GROUND

TREE CORONA CUT 10-15'

CALL utility companies before clearing around electric meters, power poles, utility boxes or gas meters.

MITIGATE your property for wildfire.

SELECT firewise building materials and landscaping.

HIRE a wildfire mitigation contractor or learn how to do the work yourself.

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