

Are you prepared for wildfire?

Learn how you
can protect
your home

Know these wildfire facts:

Most homes are ignited by **ember showers** falling on vulnerable areas such as roof valleys, gutters and decks. **Embers can travel miles** from a wildfire and start spot fires in pine needles and dry vegetation that can then ignite nearby flammable structures.

Some homes are lost to wildfires as a result of **ladder fuels** that lead to high intensity fires directly next to homes.

Defensible space is not a moonscape. Trees and shrubs can be part of a fire-resistant landscape.

Juniper, sage, bitterbrush and manzanita are **highly flammable**. Replace them with fire-resistant plants.

It is **your responsibility** to prepare your home for wildfire.

Check out our
10
FireFree Tips
to help protect
your home against
wildfire.



Our mission

is to prevent deaths, injuries, property loss and environmental damage resulting from wildfires in Deschutes County.

Visit projectwildfire.org

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10 TIPS

to keep your home FireFree.

1. Define your defensible space at least 30 feet.
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 wood piles 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 (and avoid burning).
10. Be prepared to respond to wildfire.

Visit FireFree.org for information on upcoming FireFree events, fire-resistant plants and more.



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0'-5' Immediate Zone

- ✓ Remove all dead leaves, needles, flammable debris and vegetation from roofs, gutters and the area within 5' of your home.
- ✓ Move any flammable material—like mulch, flammable plants, leaves, needles, and firewood piles—away from exterior walls.
- ✓ Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

5'-30' Intermediate Zone

- ✓ Thin out dense groups of trees.
- ✓ Remove vegetation under trees and prune trees 6-10' feet from the ground.

30'-100' Extended Zone

- ✓ Remove heavy accumulations of ground debris. Break up continuous fuels.
- ✓ Remove dead plants and trees. Remove small trees growing between or under mature trees.