

Call To Action

Destructive wildland fires can occur at any time of the year. The time you spend making your home defensible can greatly improve its chances of surviving a fire.

Unsure where to begin? Take advantage of the contacts and links provided in this brochure to learn more about creating defensible space, bark beetle management and emergency preparedness.

Start today!

To-Do List

- Ensure that you and your family are ready for when a wildfire threatens Nederland. Download a Family Wildfire Action Plan checklist from:
http://nederlandco.org/download/PROSAB_Family_Action_Plan.pdf
- Install reflective house numbers
- Clear obstacles from sides of driveway
- Clean roof and gutters
- Screen all vent openings
- Move firewood and other combustible material 30' away from your house
- Identify and remove beetle-infested trees, haul all trees and slash to Sort Yard before beetles fly in early July
- Clear Zone 1 material
- Thin Zone 2
- Convince your neighbors to mitigate their property

Forest Health Resources & Contact Information

Area Community Groups

For additional information on local Mountain Community Groups:

Indian Peaks Forest Alliance

(The Indian Peaks Forest Alliance (IPFA), a non-profit organization, promotes forest ecosystem health and safe communities in the Nederland/Indian Peaks region of Colorado).

Contact: Marca Hagenstad, marca@IndianPeaksForest.org

Website: www.indianpeaksforest.org

Town of Nederland Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB)

Visit the PROSAB forest health webpage for comprehensive information on how to maintain a healthy and defensible forest ecosystem on your property, links to additional resources and news about slash pickups and other current events.

Website: <http://nederlandco.org/government/town-boards/prosab/>

PROSAB Forest Health Committee Contact:

Alan Brewer: nedforesthealth@gmail.com

Town of Nederland main office: (303)258-3266

Community Forest Sort Yard

Drop off your thinned trees and slash at the Boulder County sort yard on Ridge Road, across from the waste transfer station. In 2012 the sort yard will be open 9am to 5pm on May 18, 19, 25, 26, June 1, 2, 8, 9 and then Tue. - Sat from August until mid-October. **This service is free of charge to landowners.**

Contact: Ryan Ludlow, Outreach Forester with Boulder County Land Use, (720)564-2641

Website: www.bouldercounty.org/foresthealth

Pine Beetles

For additional information about bark beetle management strategies, please contact Ryan Ludlow, Outreach Forester with Boulder County Land Use at (720)564-2641, email

pinebeetle@bouldercounty.org or visit:
www.frontrangepinebeetle.org

Wildfire Protection

For additional information about protecting your home from wildfires, please visit these websites:

www.firewise.org
csfs.colostate.edu/pages/wf-protection.html

HOMEOWNER DEFENSIBLE SPACE & FOREST HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

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Protect Your Home!

The 2010 Four Mile Fire in Boulder County was the most costly in Colorado history, with 169 homes destroyed and 6,181 acres burned. The Nederland area is no less vulnerable to wildfire than Four Mile Canyon; if a wildfire strikes Nederland, will you be ready?



- 1) Remove all flammable material (including dry grass, leaves and pine needles) from a zone ("Zone 1") extending 15 feet to 30 feet from your house (more on the downhill side).
- 2) Reduce flammable material from the perimeter of this zone out to 100 feet (or property line) from your home ("Zone 2").
- 3) Clearly identify your property with easily visible reflective house numbers that are at least 4 inches high.

Specific items to address in Zones 1 and 2:

- a) Remove tree limbs to a height of 10 feet from the ground and 10 feet from your roof or chimney
- b) Space plants 10 – 15 feet apart, measured branches to branches (more for larger trees)
- c) Regularly cut all grass and weeds on your property to a height of 6 inches or less and irrigate regularly, if possible
- d) Remove beetle-infested trees promptly, but at a time when the beetles are not flying (see reverse side of this brochure for beetle resource information)
- e) Remove all slash piles promptly
- f) Cover all outside vent openings with ¼ inch mesh
- g) Remove firewood and other combustible material from on and under your decks and from against your house
- h) Clean needles and leaves from your gutters and roof
- i) Clear an area 5 feet from both sides of your driveway and 15 feet high for fire truck access

Create A Defensible Space



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Zone 1: Remove all flammable material

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Zone 2: Reduce flammable material