



Town of Nederland 2013 Firewise® Town Cleanup Homeowner Tip Sheet



Firewise Cleanup Task	Tips
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear leaves, pine needles and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.	Compost this material in your backyard, deliver to the Waste Transfer Station (in paper lawn bags pre-purchased from the Town only) or take to Western Disposal in Boulder (<i>details on back</i>). Recheck regularly.
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rake and Remove</i> dead vegetation and pine needles from under your deck and within 5 feet of all structures.	Create a non-combustible “vegetation free” perimeter around all structures. Your home is especially vulnerable to ember ignition at the junction where your walls meet the ground and decks.
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove flammable debris and any other flammable items (patio furniture, etc.) stored on or underneath decks or porches	Put extra effort into moving winter firewood piles off of decks and store them 30 ft. or more from all structures.
<input type="checkbox"/> Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with 1/8 inch wire mesh or solid nonflammable material to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.	Don’t use nylon screening, as embers will burn right through it.
<input type="checkbox"/> Move firewood piles, scrap lumber and other flammable debris at least 30 ft. from all structures, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don’t let it touch your house, deck or porch.	Locate firewood and propane tanks at the same elevation as your house or higher. Haul your flammable junk off-site to the free Firewise Town Clean up dumpsters.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire can spread to tree tops. If you have conifer trees on your property, prune so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground or 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less.	Vary the height of pruning to avoid a “popsicle forest” look. Haul slash to Nederland sort yard or create a hugelkultur bed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mow grass and weeds to a height of 6 inches or less within 30 ft. of all structures.	Compost lawn clippings.

You don’t have to live in the middle of the forest to be vulnerable to wildfire; ember storms can carry the fire far ahead of the fire front. Be Firewise and clear your home ignition zone of flammable material, even if your home is in the middle of town.

