

Boulder County Wildfire Mitigation Quick Checklist

Ongoing Maintenance Tips...

- Create a 3-5 ft. non-combustible “vegetation free” perimeter around all structures.
- Store firewood piles, scrap lumber and other flammable debris at least 30 ft. from all structures.
- Always keep wildland grass cut to a max height of 6 in. within 30 ft. of all structures.
- Be sure gutters and rooflines are always clear of pine needles and leaves.
- Make sure the top and underside of decks and porches are always clear of pine needles and other flammable debris.
- Screen all attic, roof, soffit and foundation vents with 1/8 in. metal screening.

Tree Thinning & Spacing Tips...

- Zone 1** (within 30ft. of structures): Ideally remove all conifers from this zone. If a select prize tree remains make sure no branches overhang the roof or are within 10 ft. of the chimney.
- Zone 2** (30-100 ft. or more of structures): Selectively thin conifers so small clumps of 2-3 trees remain with large 20 to 30 ft. openings between clumps.
- If your home is located on steep slopes increase the size of Zone 1 and 2 on downhill side.
- Low limb most remaining conifers in Zones 1 and 2 so lowest limbs are 6-10 ft. from the ground or 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less.
- Remove most ladder fuels in Zone 1 and 2 from underneath remaining trees.

Wildfire Preparedness Tips...

- Sign-up your primary phone and cell phone for emergency 911. Sign-up at www.boulderoem.com
- Prepare a “grab and go” disaster supply kit. To learn more visit: www.ready.gov/wildfires
- Develop a fire evacuation plan and practice family fire drills. To learn more about wildfire preparedness visit: www.boulderoem.com
- Install a property address marker with white reflective lettering on a non-flammable post at the edge of your driveway.
- Check your homeowners insurance to ensure you have proper coverage. To learn more visit: www.BoulderMountainResources.org/resources/insurance/ or www.uphelp.org
- Join Boulder County’s Forest Health Outreach eNewsletter to receive timely action-oriented forestry tips. Sign-up at www.BoulderCounty.org/ForestHealth

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