

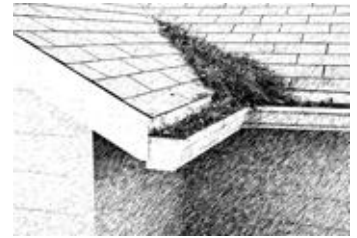


Town of Nederland Firewise Town Clean-up Yearly Homeowner Checklist

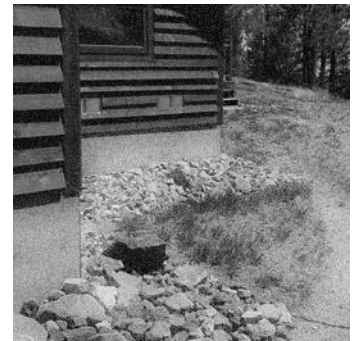


Firewise® Cleanup Task Tips

- 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 or drop off free at the Nederland Sort Yard. Recheck regularly.



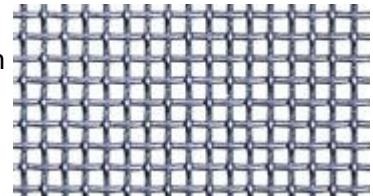
- Rake and Remove* dead vegetation and pine needles from under your deck and within 5 feet of all structures. Create a non-combustible "vegetation free" perimeter of 2' – 5' around all structures. Your home is especially vulnerable to ember ignition at the junction where your walls meet the ground and decks.



- 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. Store them 30 ft. or more from all structures.



- 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.

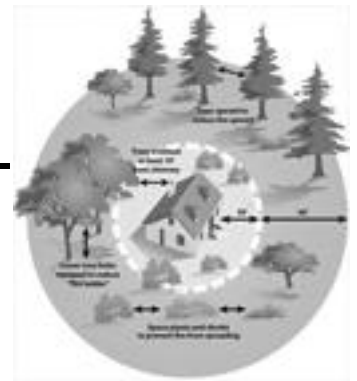


- Move firewood piles, scrap lumber and other flammable debris at least 30 ft. from all structures, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch. Locate firewood and propane tanks at the same elevation as your house or higher. Haul your flammable junk off-site to the *Nederland Firewise Town Clean-up* dumpsters.



- Remove most coniferous trees out to 30 ft. from dwellings and outbuildings (Zone 1).

Enjoy the open views or replace with aspen or other elevation-appropriate deciduous trees and shrubs



- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. Prune conifers in Zone 2 (out to 100 ft. from dwellings and outbuildings) 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 Community Sort Yard or create a hugelkultur bed.

- Mow grass and weeds to a height of 6 inches or less within 30 ft. of all structures.

Compost the clippings or take them to the Nederland Sort Yard



A single ember from a wildfire can travel more than one mile. That single ember can ignite and destroy your entire home – or even your community. You can't control where it will land, but you can control what happens when it does. Get fire adapted now.

