

How you manage the fuels on your property can greatly affect how wildfires impact your home and surroundings. By taking steps to reduce ladder fuels from your foundation to the property line, you can make a significant difference in protecting your space from wildfires!

### LADDER FUELS SELF ASSESSMENT

- ❑ Foundation, soffit, and attic vents should be screened with metal mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering.
- ❑ Remove low hanging branches up to 10 feet. Additionally, prune any branches that are 10 feet or closer to the roof overhangs.
- ❑ Clear needles and leaves from your roof, roof valleys, and gutters.
- ❑ Remove flammable materials such as mulch, grass, leaves, and pine needles from around the exterior walls of your home. These materials can accumulate due to the wind under decks and near doorways, so it is essential to remove them regularly.
- ❑ Make sure your address is visible on the house or on a post at the street to increase visibility by emergency responders. Your address number needs to be the approved DRC (Brown & White) reflective plaque.
- ❑ Space out new or existing plantings to create breaks and slow the spread of fire. Remove any planting within 5ft from your structures.
- ❑ Walk your defensible space to identify areas to improve including existing landscape.
- ❑ Practice good outdoor housekeeping, when not in use, do not leave cushions on patio furniture.

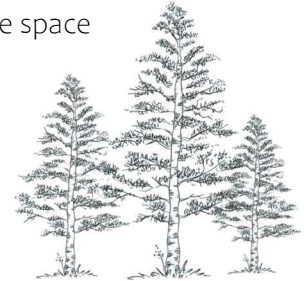
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### TERMINOLOGY

**Defensible Space:** Defensible space is the area around and, on a structure, where fuels and vegetation are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward the structure.

**Fuels:** Any combustible materials of your home, trees and vegetation.

**Ladder Fuels:** Anything flammable that can create a "ladder" for ground fuels to climb up to ignite tree branches and spread to other materials.



### FIREWISE PICKUP

- PICK UPS ON MONDAYS - HOA Operations team will pick up a Fire-Wise and Noxious Weed debris. Bags must be placed next to the roadway by end of day Sunday.
- Noxious weeds and pine needles must be bagged for pick up
- Bags cannot be more than 25lbs
- Place bags next to, but not on the roadway
- Branches must be cut into 3ft or shorter lengths
- Place branches in piles next to the roadway
- Hired vendors are required to dispose of all their yard waste

Want to know more about home hardening and preparing your property for wildfire?

Contact Savannah Davies FD#7 Community Risk Coordinator to conduct your Wildfire Ready Assessment: 509-859-1724