

FireSmart[®] your property

If you wait, you may be too late



Priority Zone 1

HOME / 10 metres

This should be a fire-resistant zone, free of all materials that could easily ignite from a wildfire.



REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

Regularly clean your roof, gutters, etc. of debris.

FIRESMART RENOVATIONS:

As your budget allows, renovate your home with fire-resistant materials, mesh debris screens, a chimney spark arrestor, etc.



FIRESMART LANDSCAPING: Keep woodpiles, propane tanks, outbuildings and combustibles at least 10 metres away from your home. Consult the *FireSmart[®] Guide to Landscaping* for more tips.

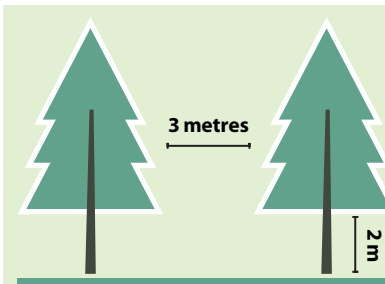


YARD MAINTENANCE: Regularly mow your lawn. Remove deadfall, coniferous trees and other flammable vegetation. Sweep your decks and rake up tree needles, leaves and debris.

Priority Zone 2

10 - 30 metres

Reduce fuels in this area by thinning and pruning vegetation and trees. This will slow a fire's spread.



TREE SPACING:

Space trees at least three metres apart.

PRUNING TREES:

Prune all branches within two metres of the ground.



REMOVE SURFACE FUELS: Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, needles and other flammable debris from the ground.

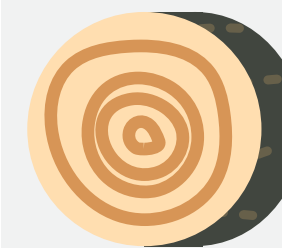


PLANTING NEW TREES: If you're going to plant new trees in this zone, consider planting deciduous species like aspen, poplar and birch. They have lower flammability rates.

Priority Zone 3

30 - 100 metres

Try to thin out trees and other vegetation. This will help reduce a wildfire's intensity and slow its spread.



THIN AND REMOVE CONIFEROUS TREES:

Space dominant trees at least three metres apart, and remove any understory trees that are in close proximity that could act as a ladder for fire to move into the tree tops and spread. Retain deciduous trees which are resistant to wildfire.



NOT YOUR LAND? If there's property within 100 metres of your home that is owned by your neighbours, get them engaged in the *FireSmart[®] Community Recognition Program*!



GET IN TOUCH: Think your community is at risk to wildfire? Contact your municipal councillor, planning department or fire service to express your concerns.



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