



# Protecting Your Home from Wildland Fire

**Wildland fires are becoming common place in areas of development, which is often referred to as the Wildland Urban Interface. The safety of residents, property loss and firefighter safety are the greatest concerns within the Wildland Urban interface. Follow these tips in order to reduce the impacts of wildland fire on your family:**

- Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings
- All combustibles such as firewood, picnic tables, boats, etc. should be kept 25 feet from structures
- Maintain a screen constructed of non-flammable material over the flue opening of every chimney or stovepipe. Mesh openings of the screen should not exceed ½”.
- Roof material should be non-combustible, i.e. metal or asphalt. Shake shingles should be treated with a fire retardant material before installation and every 3 years to maintain fire resistance.
- Enclose eaves and space under decks.
- Keep vegetation within 30 feet of your home watered. If watering is not an option, mow the vegetation down to 4-6 inches.
- Remove branches from trees to height of 15 feet within 100 feet of all structures
- Thin trees to maintain 15 feet between crowns within 100 feet of all structures
- Dead and down material should be removed from your property or gathered in small piles 25 feet away from structures
- Identify and remove beetle kill trees.
- Protect healthy, valuable trees from beetles through the use of pheromones, acquired through the Wyoming State Forestry Division at 307-777-7586
- Addressing should be clearly visible from the street

**For additional information, contact Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Fire Prevention Bureau at 733-4732.**