

## In 2021, we sent you a survey on wildfire risk.



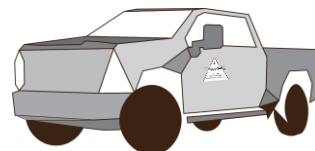
### Who responded?

Over **285** households!  
The response rate was **38%**, which is very high for this type of survey.

### Who are we?

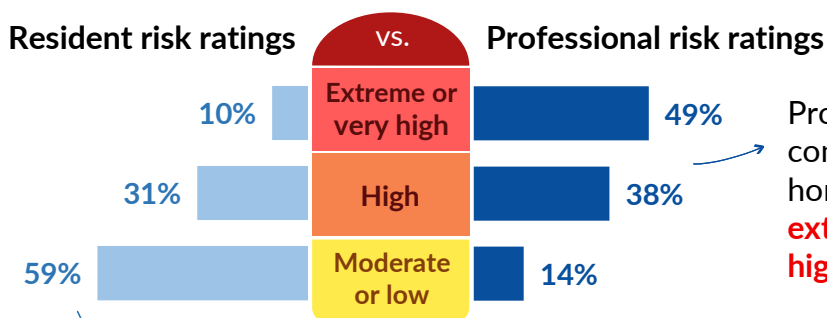
The Teton Area Wildfire Protection Coalition (TAWPC) supports wildland fire mitigation programs and many other services in the Teton County area. We collaborated with the Wildfire Research Center to analyze this data.

## We also sent professionals to assess your wildfire risk.



### Your home's wildfire risk may be higher than you think.

Our data suggest that **residents view wildfire risk differently** than wildfire professionals.



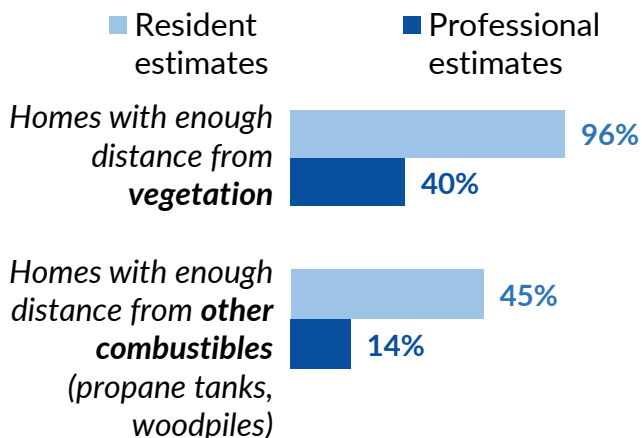
Professionals most commonly rated homes' risk as **extreme or very high**.

Most residents rated their home's risk as **moderate or low**.

(Each risk rating is relative to the rest of the community, not to the rest of the county or the US overall.)

## Is your defensible space big enough? Take another look at the vegetation and other combustibles within 30 feet of your home.

### Many survey respondents overestimated their defensible space.



To maintain defensible space, within 30 ft of the main walls of the home, you should **remove**:

- ☐ Weeds/grasses >4 inches
- ☐ Leaves, dead limbs, twigs
- ☐ Tree branches (live & dead) overhanging the home
- ☐ Tree limbs such that the lowest limbs are 6-8ft from the ground and there is 18ft between treetop branches
- ☐ Firewood

Questions? Please contact us!

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## How safe is your home?

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Do you have a reflective address sign with lettering in contrasting colors? Only 7% of residents do, according to the professional assessment. We recommend installing one of these signs because they help firefighters find your house in dark, smoky conditions.

## When was your home built?

**1986** is the average year a home was built in this community.

*If your home was built around then, it may not meet modern standards for fire-resistant building materials and construction.*

## How can your home's construction help protect it against wildfire?

There are many ways for you to harden your home against wildfire. Key components include fire-resistant roofing and siding materials, roof irrigation systems, and doublepane glass windows.



View [this guide](#) for a list of ways you can prepare your home for wildfire.

## Have you talked to your neighbors about wildfire mitigation yet?

Folks who talk to their neighbors about wildfire are more likely to take mitigation action, according to the survey. That means your voice matters!



Your risk is connected to your neighbor's—if their house catches on fire, it's more likely yours will. Work with your neighbors to reduce risk!

## Are you ready to evacuate?

*Here are some answers to your top questions about evacuation reported on the survey:*

### What are the safe evacuation routes?

There are no guaranteed evacuation routes during a wildfire, and 95% of households surveyed have only one safe road out due to vegetation in road corridors. Try to leave as soon as possible to avoid road closures.

### How I will be notified about evacuation?



Nixle will notify you. [Sign up at this link today](#) and help us spread the word—only 40% of survey respondents have signed up!

### What to bring and what to leave?



Visit [this website](#) for tips on planning, emergency supplies, what to bring, and family communication

## Interested in a Wildfire Risk Overview for your home?

No cost Wildfire Risk Overviews are available through the Teton Conservation District (TCD) for residential properties to identify improvements to structures and vegetation. Up to 50% of the cost of vegetation management can be reimbursed through the Wildfire Risk Reduction Program. [More info here](#) & via QR code.



On right: Robb Sgroi (TCD), who provides residential assessments, points to char at the base of a lodgepole pine.



Photo by Willie Watsabaugh, taken in Hoback Ranches, Bondurant, WY