

HOME EVALUATION FORM



OWNER OR OCCUPANT _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____
(OR DESCRIPTIVE LOCATION) _____

People living in the wildland / urban interface should be prepared for wildland fires. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is providing this wildland fire prevention inspection to help residents reduce fire hazards endangering their property. By following the suggestions listed here, you can help yourself to reduce the risk that an accidental fire could start on your property and also the risk that a fire starting elsewhere could cause damage to your property.

Acceptable	Recommend Improvement	
_____	_____	<i>Within 3 feet of structure:</i> Maintain an area of non-combustible material - flowers, plants, concrete, gravel, mineral soil, etc.
_____	_____	<i>Within 10 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is >10%):</i> Maintain surface vegetation at 3 inches or less in height. Remove all downed woody fuels.
_____	_____	<i>From 10 to 30 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is >10%):</i> Thin trees to 10 feet between crowns. Prune limbs of all remaining trees to 15 feet in height or one third of total live crown, which ever is less. Maintain surface vegetation at 3 inches or less in height. Remove all downed woody fuels.
_____	_____	<i>From 30 to 100 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is >10%):</i> Thin trees to 10 feet between crowns. Prune limbs of all remaining trees to 15 feet in height or one third of total live crown, which ever is less. Remove all downed woody fuels greater than 3 inches in diameter.
_____	_____	Clear or reduce vegetation from alongside your driveway or road edge, and make sure your driveway is wide enough and adequate for fire trucks to turn around.
_____	_____	Dispose of all slash and flammable debris from your property. If you intend to burn follow all applicable open burning regulations and requirements.
_____	_____	Have the power company cut overhanging branches away from power lines.
_____	_____	Clean the roof and gutters of needles, leaves, branches and other combustible debris.
_____	_____	Provide a 15 foot clearance between you chimney and nearest branches.
_____	_____	Make sure your chimney extends 3 feet above the roof and is capped with an approved spark arrester.
_____	_____	Roof should be of fire resistant material. A wood shake roof should be treated with UL approved fire retardant chemical or replaced.
_____	_____	Enclose open spaces beneath features such as decks, balconies and stilts to keep out hot embers.
_____	_____	Locate the propane tank at least 10 feet from the structure and clear a 10 foot area around the tank.
_____	_____	Stack your firewood at least 100 feet from the house, not on the downhill side.
_____	_____	Ensure that your water supply is usable during a fire emergency, and keep garden hoses readily available.
_____	_____	Keep storage areas clean. Do not allow oily rags, flammable chemicals or newspapers to accumulate.
_____	_____	Insure that all motorized garden equipment, lawnmowers and chainsaws have approved spark arresters.
_____	_____	Display your name and house number in front of your property to assist firefighters in locating your home.

Other Items: _____

INSPECTED BY: _____ DATE: _____

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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