

FIREFREE – APRIL 29 – MAY 9, 2022

The **Community Wildfire Protection Committee** is preparing for the annual Ridge FIREFREE residential yard debris pick up for April 29-May 9, 2022.

Flammable plant debris will be picked up free of charge for owners. This includes evergreen limbs, sage, rabbitbrush, bitterbrush, dry leaves, tall dry grass trimmings, pine needles and other woody plant debris. Limbs and small trees must be cut to a maximum length of 4 feet and placed in a pile next to the street. Smaller plant debris needs to be in heavy duty paper landscape bags and put next to the street.

Please note that NO green grass clippings, plastic bags, sod, rocks, root balls, household garbage, potting soil or Yucca plants will be picked up!!

This year CWP has scheduled two large dumpsters to facilitate this program. One dumpster will be located at Cinnamon Teal/Merlin and the other on Oxbow Loop near the Equestrian Center. Owners may take their authorized woody debris and landscape bags to the dumpsters to support community volunteers. PLEASE, no trash!!

Please click the link on the RECOA website to see the **Project WILDFIRE brochure** for tips to keep your home FIREFREE!

Contact cwp@ridgeowners.org for questions.

Are you prepared for wildfire?

Learn how you
can protect
your home

Know these wildfire facts:

Most homes are ignited by **ember showers** falling on vulnerable areas such as roof valleys, gutters and decks. **Embers can travel miles** from a wildfire and start spot fires in pine needles and dry vegetation that can then ignite nearby flammable structures.

Some homes are lost to wildfires as a result of **ladder fuels** that lead to high intensity fires directly next to homes.

Defensible space is not a moonscape. Trees and shrubs can be part of a fire-resistant landscape.

Juniper, sage, bitterbrush and manzanita are **highly flammable**. Replace them with fire-resistant plants.

It is **your responsibility** to prepare your home for wildfire.

Check out our
10
FireFree Tips
to help protect
your home against
wildfire.



Our mission

is to prevent deaths, injuries, property loss and environmental damage resulting from wildfires in Deschutes County.

Visit projectwildfire.org

To request this information in an alternate format, please call **541-322-7117** or send an email to forester@deschutes.org.



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10 TIPS

to keep your home FireFree.

1. Define your defensible space at least 30 feet.
2. Reduce flammable brush around your home and under nearby trees.
3. Prune or remove trees.
4. Keep grass and weeds cut low.
5. Clear wood piles and building materials away from your home.
6. Keep your yard and roof clean.
7. Keep address signs visible.
8. Choose fire-resistant building materials and lawn furniture.
9. Recycle yard debris (and avoid burning).
10. Be prepared to respond to wildfire.

Visit FireFree.org for information on upcoming FireFree events, fire-resistant plants and more.



0'-5' Immediate Zone

- ✓ Remove all dead leaves, needles, flammable debris and vegetation from roofs, gutters and the area within 5' of your home.
- ✓ Move any flammable material—like mulch, flammable plants, leaves, needles, and firewood piles—away from exterior walls.
- ✓ Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

5'-30' Intermediate Zone

- ✓ Thin out dense groups of trees.
- ✓ Remove vegetation under trees and prune trees 6-10' feet from the ground.

30'-100' Extended Zone

- ✓ Remove heavy accumulations of ground debris. Break up continuous fuels.
- ✓ Remove dead plants and trees. Remove small trees growing between or under mature trees.