

WANTED: Community Champions



WILDFIRE IS PART OF OUR HISTORY AND WILL BE PART OF OUR FUTURE. **ARE YOU READY?**

Do your part. Protect your home & community.

With the assistance of Salmo's Local FireSmart Representative, you and your neighbours can form a FireSmart Board to assess the wildfire hazard in your neighbourhood. A community action plan is then determined and implemented to better protect you all from wildfire risk.

Pick up a FireSmart brochure at the Village Office.

Contact your Local FireSmart Representative, Fire Chief David Hearn at (250)357-9433.

Become a FireSmart Community Champion.

Within a short year, your neighbourhood can be deemed a "FireSmart Community" and receive national recognition. It is also a promising status for those concerned with fire insurance costs and property values in areas prone to wildfire.

FireSmart homes and neighbourhoods allow fire fighters to concentrate on fighting the wildfire which ultimately saves more homes and lives.

For more information, visit:

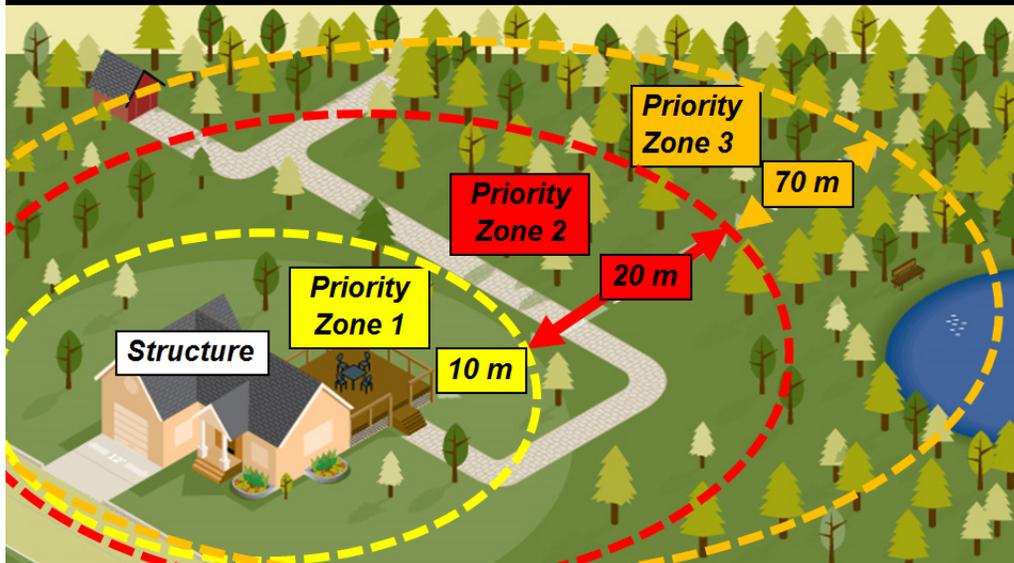
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Ignition Zone Concept

Structure + Priority Zones 1 - 2 - 3



What is the Ignition Zone and why is it so important?

Your ignition zone – including the condition of the house and its immediate surroundings within 30 to 100 metres and other structures such as garages, decks, porches, or fences that come in contact with the house – is what determines your home's susceptibility to ignition during a wildfire.

Here are some simple steps for making your ignition zone a deterrent to wildfire progress:

- Clear the build-up of needles and leaves from the base of the house and any connecting structures which could otherwise ignite the home's siding.
- Create a three-metre, fire-free (i.e. non-combustible) area on all sides of your home.
- Clear trees and shrubs of dead material and keep them pruned. Space trees and shrubs far enough apart to slow the spread of an approaching wildfire.
- Choose deciduous trees and shrubs, rather than evergreens for planting close to your home. Evergreens burn fiercely. Plants that shed leaves annually burn more slowly.
- Regularly care for your property to keep it free of dead leaves, needles and debris. Plant native wildflowers and fire-resistant plants; keep lawns trimmed and irrigated as they serve as good fire breaks, as do rock gardens and xeriscapes.
- Remember that wide driveways, non-flammable walkways and other pathways can slow or stop the spread of a wildfire.
- Use metal flashing at all connection points of structures, such as wooden fences attached to the house.
- "Limb up" trees around the house by removing lower limbs that are within 2.5 metres of the ground.
- Trim any limbs on trees hanging over the house.
- Store firewood well away from your house, particularly during fire-season.
- Use non-flammable (Class A rated) roofing materials.
- Clear gutters of leaves and debris.
- Ensure that chimneys for all wood burning appliances are screened to prevent escape of live embers.



MAY 7, 2016 | WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY According to Natural Resources Canada, wildland fire consumes an average of 2.3 million hectares per year and causes millions of dollars in damage, not just to the forestry industry but also to residential and municipal properties. Wildfire responds quickly to fuels found in the forest, grasslands or backyards, and without proper mitigation and landscape management it will burn homes and any other vulnerable structures in its path.