



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS DAY

Prepare Your Yard for Wildfire Season



Do your part to get FireSmart – Spring cleanup is a great time to gather up the branches and other vegetation that can increase the wildfire hazard in your yard...

Wildfire Hazard Cleanup Day Saturday, May 2

Rossland's FireSmart Program wants to get all Rossland property owners to participate in a vegetation and yard debris cleanup day.

Homeowners are encouraged to spend a few hours in their yards reducing accumulations of vegetation and debris that contribute to wildfire spread when fire danger climbs later in the summer.

See reverse for information on how to do your wildfire hazard cleanup and check out the online information at:

www.rossland.ca/rossland-firesmart-program

Download the new FireSmartBC Homeowner's Manual

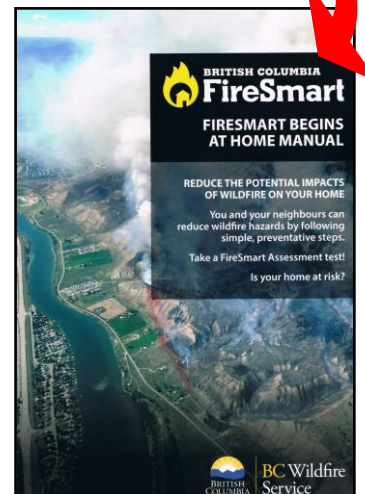
<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/guides-manuals/>

Free Curbside Pickup!

Branches, stems and yard debris will be collected starting May 4...

Please help by ensuring:

- No stems thicker than 10 centimetres (4 inches)
- No pieces longer than 3 metres (10 feet)
- Yard debris is not left on street or sidewalk
- VEGETATION ONLY – no building materials or junk
- No invasive species vegetation





How to do your wildfire hazard cleanup

Rossland properties near the forested edge of town face the greatest wildfire risk but embers from wildfires can land further inside and ignite fires in vegetation and accumulated debris which can spread to your house. Follow these FireSmart Rules of Thumb to reduce the hazard on your property.

FIRESMART RULES OF THUMB

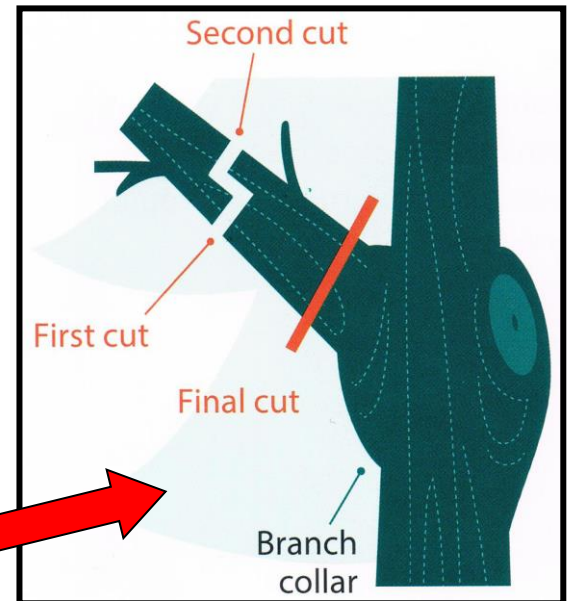
1 YARD SPACING
Changes within 10 metres of your home, including the removal of combustible surface material, will have the biggest impact.

2 TREE SPACING
Spacing trees at least 3 metres apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.

3 PRUNE TREES
Prune all tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.

A surface fire can climb up into trees quickly. On coniferous trees remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground within 30 metres of your home.

Prune branches close to the tree trunk but not so close that you damage the main trunk and bark of the tree. Never remove more than 1/3 of the canopy of the tree.



Coniferous trees (evergreens with cones and needles) are highly flammable and should not be within 10 metres of your home. Cedar hedges and juniper bushes are especially flammable.

Deciduous (leafy) trees are resistant to wildfire and are a good FireSmart choice for planting within 10 metres of your home.

