

# Gilpin County Wildfire Mitigation Quick Checklist

## Ongoing Maintenance Tips...

- Create a 3-5 ft. non-combustible perimeter around all structures. Rake away pine needles, debris.
- Store firewood piles, scrap lumber and other flammable debris at least 30 ft. from all structures.
- Keep wildland grass cut to a max height of 6 in. within 30 ft. of all structures.
- Be sure gutters and rooflines are always clear of pine needles and leaves.
- Clear pine needles and other flammable debris from the top and underside of decks and porches.
- Screen all attic, roof, soffit and foundation vents with 1/8 in. metal screening.

## Tree Thinning & Spacing Tips...

- Zone 1** (within 30 ft. of structures): Ideally remove all conifers from this zone. If a select prize tree remains make sure no branches overhang the roof or are within 10 ft. of the chimney.
- Zone 2** (30-100 ft. or more of structures): Selectively thin conifers so small clumps of 2-3 trees remain with large 20 to 30 ft. openings between clumps. Remove diseased trees first. Strive for diversity in age and species.
- If your home is located on steep slopes increase the size of Zone 1 and 2 on downhill side.
- Low limb most remaining conifers in Zones 1 and 2 so lowest limbs are 6-10 ft. from the ground or 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less. (Trim only dead branches of Blue spruce).

## Wildfire Preparedness Tips...

- Sign-up for Hyper-Reach, reverse 911 system at [www.gilpincountysheriff.com/](http://www.gilpincountysheriff.com/)
- Prepare a "grab and go" list, such as medications, passports, phone chargers, insurance info. To learn more visit: [www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires)
- Develop a fire evacuation and communication plan and practice family fire drills. To learn more about wildfire preparedness visit: <https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/programs/natu/fire/>
- Install a property address marker with white reflective lettering on a non-flammable post at the edge of your driveway.
- Update your homeowners insurance to ensure you have proper coverage. To learn more visit: [www.uphelp.org](http://www.uphelp.org)

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