



WILDFIRE AWARENESS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS



TODAY, THE AVERAGE WILDFIRE SEASON ACROSS THE NATION IS 78 DAYS LONGER THAN IT WAS IN THE 1970S. The risk of extreme wildfires continues to grow as more trees die from extreme weather patterns, disease, and pest activity.

REGULARLY ASSESS DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Immediate Zone = 0 - 5 Feet

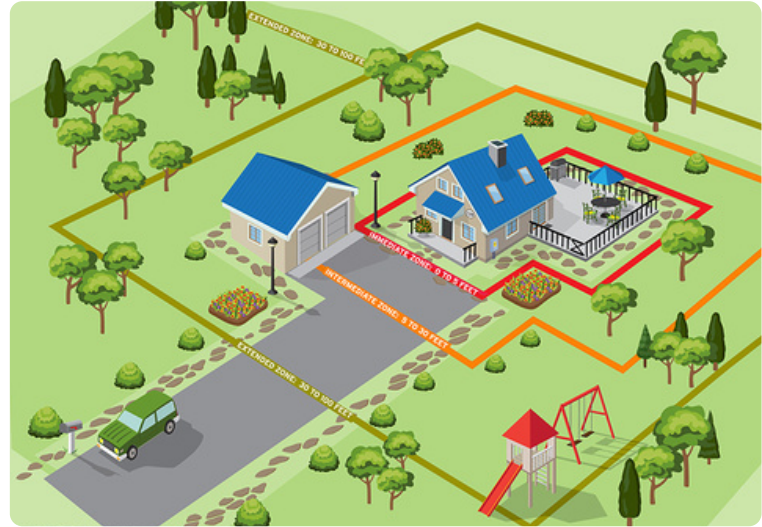
- Remove all dead and dying plants from your roof, gutters, porch/deck, and under areas of your home
- Remove branches within 10 feet of any chimney
- Relocate firewood and lumber to 30-100 feet from your home
- Utilize non-combustible materials like gravel, pavers, and concrete in your landscaping

Intermediate Zone = 5 - 30 Feet

- Remove all dead and dying plants
- Trim trees to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees
- Create separation between any items that could catch fire

Extended Zone = 30 - 100 Feet

- Mow grass to a maximum height of 4 inches
- Create horizontal and vertical clearance between shrubs and trees
- Keep a 10-foot clearance for exposed wood piles
- Clear areas around outbuildings and propane tanks



89% OF WILDFIRES ARE HUMAN-CAUSED

The majority of these can be avoided with simple behavior changes that can be made right away.

PREVENT WILDFIRE

Examples of habits you can easily change now:

- Mow your lawn before 10AM on hot days but never when it's windy or excessively dry
- Never park on dry grass or brush
- Always check burn ban status and permit rules for outdoor burning
- Never leave any outdoor fire unattended

MAKE AN EMERGENCY "GO KIT"

Use Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management webpage for **Disaster Preparedness Kits** to prepare for catastrophes that could impact access to food, water, and electricity.

KNOW WHAT TO DO: STAY WEATHER-INFORMED

FIRE WEATHER WATCH

Critical fire weather conditions are possible within 72 hours but not yet imminent or occurring

RED FLAG WARNING

Critical fire weather conditions are occurring or expected within 24 hours. Look out for evacuation alerts.

BE EVACUATION-READY

LEVEL 1 - BE READY

LEVEL 2 - BE SET

LEVEL 3 - GO NOW



Use your best judgment - GO NOW any time you feel unsafe

GET THE FEMA APP:

Receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Available for Apple and Android.

PIERCE COUNTY ALERTS:

You can sign up one of three ways:

- At www.piercecountywa.gov
- Call 253-798-6595
- Text "PCALERT" to 888-777

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